

Quick reference

- When we talk about the means of transport, we can use *by*.
He travelled *by air/by rail/by road/by sea*.
OR *by train/by bus/by coach/by car/by plane/by boat/by taxi*.
We can also use *on*.
I travelled *on the train/on a plane/on a boat/on the ferry/on a bus/on a coach*.
But with *car, truck, taxi* we use *in*. I came *in the car*. I got *a lift in a truck*.
- We use *out of* and *into* when we talk about buildings or rooms.
I went *into the bank*. She came *out of the classroom*.
We say *get into* (OR *in*) and *get out of* a car, a taxi, a truck.
I got *into the first taxi that came*. The police told me to *get out of the car*.
- We say *get on/get off* a train, a bus, a coach, a plane, a big boat, a bike, a motorbike.
He got *on his bike and rode away*. We got *off the train at Taunton*.
- We say *get to* (= reach) a town, a country or a place.
We got *to Athens at 9.30*. We got *to America in four hours*.
But we say *arrive in* a town or a country, and *arrive at* a place.
We arrived *in France a week ago*. What time did you *arrive at the station*?
- We say *go to* a place, a town, a country, a continent.
I go *to Spain twice a year*. He's *gone to Africa*. When are you *going to London*?
- We don't use a preposition before *home* with verbs like *go, get, come, arrive, leave*.
I arrived *home at 12.30*. She left *home early*. What time will you *get home*?

1 Complete the dialogue below, using *at, in, to, by, on, out of, into, off* or no word at all.

'When did you get (1) home?'
'We got (2) the plane at five o'clock. We came (3) the airport at twenty-past five and we arrived (4) home at six.'
'Did you come (5) bus from the airport?'
'No, we arrived (6) the bus-stop just after the bus had left, so we got (7) the first taxi we saw. It was just six o'clock when we were getting (8) the taxi at home.'
'Was it the first time you'd been (9) France?'
'No, but it was the first time we'd been (10) plane. We normally go (11) the car. We sometimes go (12) the Shuttle from Folkestone (13) Calais, or we cross the Channel (14) ferry.'
'Did you have good weather?'
'Wonderful. When we left (15) home, it was cold and wet. But when we arrived (16) Nice, it was warm and sunny. As soon as we arrived (17) our hotel, we went for a swim in the pool. We had a great holiday!'

2 Look at this timetable and complete the questions and answers.

Hall/Mr

Thursday 29 Feb Outward

British Airways	Non-stop	Flight: BA 480
Latest reporting time:		12.55 Terminal 1
Depart: London/Heathrow		13.55 hrs
Arrive: Barcelona		16.55 hrs

Sunday 03 Mar Return

British Airways	Non-stop	Flight: BA 479
Latest reporting time:		12.20 hrs
Depart: Barcelona		13.20 hrs
Arrive: London/Heathrow		14.30 hrs

- 1 Is Mr Hall travelling by coach? – No, he's going plane from Heathrow.
- 2 Where's he going?
- 3 Does his flight go via Madrid? – No, it's non-stop Barcelona.
- 4 Where must he be by 12.55 on Thursday?
- 5 What time does he arrive ? – At 16.55 hrs.
- 6 When is he flying back ? – On March 3rd.
- 7 By what time must he be for the return flight? – By 12.20 hrs.
- 8 What time does his return flight arrive London? – At 14.30 hrs.

3 This person wants to get to South Brent, a village near Plymouth. His friend knows what to do. Match the questions with the correct answers.

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| 1 Have you ever been to South Brent? | a) In Plymouth. |
| 2 How do I get there? | b) By bus. |
| 3 Isn't it worth going by car? | c) You should get to Plymouth by 11.15. |
| 4 Where do I get off the train? | d) At the bus-station in the town centre. |
| 5 If I get a train at about 10.00, when would I arrive in Plymouth? | e) You can get a train most of the way. |
| 6 How do I get from Plymouth to South Brent? | f) Yes, several times. |
| 7 Where do I get on the bus? | g) No, go on the train. It's more comfortable. |

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4 Describe a journey you've made recently. Where did you go? How did you travel? What time did you arrive? Etc.

Use as many of the following as possible: *go by car/train, etc. go in the car/on the train/on the plane/on my bike, etc. go to Paris/England/North Africa, etc. go into/out of a building, get on/off the bus/the plane/the boat/my bike, etc. get into/out of the car, get to Paris/France, etc. arrive in Paris/France, etc. arrive at the airport/the station/the ferry terminal, etc.*

Check your story with a teacher.