

# 4 Getting around

## 1 VOCABULARY

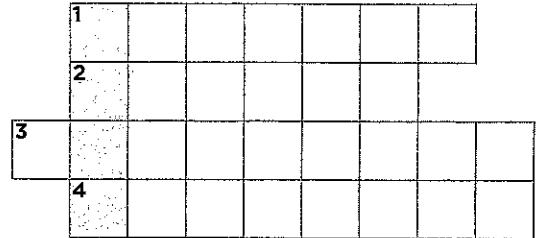
**A** Use the clues and letters to form words. Then write the words in the puzzle.

1. You go to this building to get a train. \_\_\_\_\_  
(ottnsai)

2. You have to buy one before you get on a subway. \_\_\_\_\_  
(tekcti)

3. This person works on a train. \_\_\_\_\_  
(rocondut)

4. You wait on this for a train. \_\_\_\_\_  
(lforpatm)



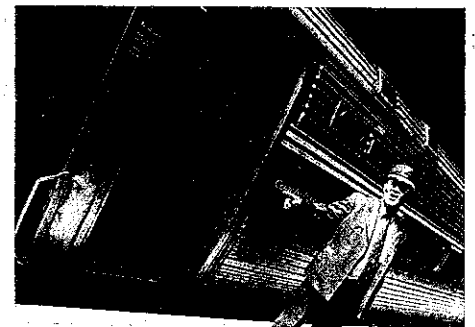
What is the hidden word in gray? \_\_\_\_\_

**B** Complete each sentence with the correct word or phrase in parentheses.

- If the bus doesn't come on time, then Abby takes a \_\_\_\_\_. (taxi / ticket)
- I usually take a \_\_\_\_\_ because it's cheaper than a taxi. (bus / bus stop)
- In many cities, passengers can buy tickets from a \_\_\_\_\_ near the bus stop. (bus driver / ticket machine)
- My train in the morning always leaves from \_\_\_\_\_. 10. (Bus Stop / Platform).
- I can walk to the nearest \_\_\_\_\_, so I don't have to take a bus or a taxi. (station / taxi stand)
- Because cars are not good for the environment, Mike never takes a \_\_\_\_\_. (taxi / train)

**C** Circle the correct word to complete each sentence.

- Where can I buy a \_\_\_\_\_ for the subway?  
a. machine      b. ticket      c. platform
- Mike works for the rail company as a \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. conductor      b. passenger      c. ticket machine
- You can get a taxi at the \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. bus stop      b. taxi stand      c. platform
- What time does the \_\_\_\_\_ open?  
a. station      b. conductor      c. driver
- Please don't talk to the \_\_\_\_\_ when the bus is moving.  
a. conductor      b. passenger      c. driver



# 6 CULTURE TALK!

## Public Transportation



**A** Read about public transportation in different cities.

Then answer the questions below.

Metropolitan rail system			
City	Cost of one-day pass (in U.S. dollars)	Number of daily passengers (millions)	Morning waiting time (minutes)
London	\$14.10	3.2	8-10
Mexico City	No one-day pass	7.6	3-5
New York	No one-day pass	5.3	7-9
Taipei	\$5.10	1.6	1.5-5

Bike sharing system		
Number of bikes	Cost for 30 minutes (in U.S. dollars)	Number of daily riders
8,000	Free	29,000
3,800	Free	40,000
6,000	\$2.50	50,000
10,000	\$.30	90,000

1. Which city has the busiest rail system?
2. Where can you bike for free?
3. Which city has the shortest waiting time for a train?
4. Which city has the largest bike sharing system?
5. Which cities don't have one-day rail passes?

**B** Answer the questions about the place where you live.

1. What public transportation do you have in the place where you live?
2. What time does rush hour start in the morning?
3. Is it easy or difficult to find parking? Why?
4. On average, how much time do people spend commuting every week?

**C** **GO ONLINE** Research information about public transportation in a city you want to visit. Take notes in the chart below.

Name of city:		
Kinds of public transportation	Cost	Ticket options
1.	1.	1.
2.	2.	2.
3.	3.	3.

**D** Tell a partner about the city you chose in Part C.

# GRAMMAR: Indirect questions

Complete the conversations.

1. A: Can you tell me \_\_\_\_\_?

B: The subway station? It's across the street.

2. A: Do you know \_\_\_\_\_?

B: Yes, I do. The department store opens at 10 a.m.

3. A: Do you know \_\_\_\_\_?

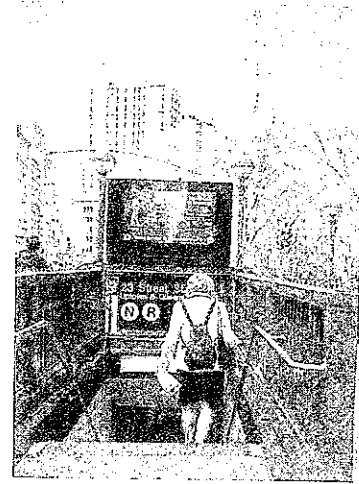
B: A ticket costs five dollars.

4. A: Could you tell me \_\_\_\_\_?

B: The buses leave every ten minutes.

5. A: Can you tell me \_\_\_\_\_?

B: I bought two tickets.



Put the words in the correct order to make indirect questions.

1. take / train / what / I / you / do / know / should

\_\_\_\_\_?

2. stand / is / the / where / could / tell / you / me / taxi

\_\_\_\_\_?

3. the / can / you / opens / when / tell / me / store

\_\_\_\_\_?

4. often / do / the / you / how / know / subway / comes

\_\_\_\_\_?

5. eat / get / I / tell / where / you / can / me / something / can / to

\_\_\_\_\_?

Change the *Wh-* questions to indirect questions.

1. Where are the restrooms?

Do you \_\_\_\_\_?

2. How many tickets do you need?

Can you \_\_\_\_\_?

3. When does the mall open?

Do you \_\_\_\_\_?

4. Where can I buy a ticket?

Could you \_\_\_\_\_?

5. How far is the station from here?

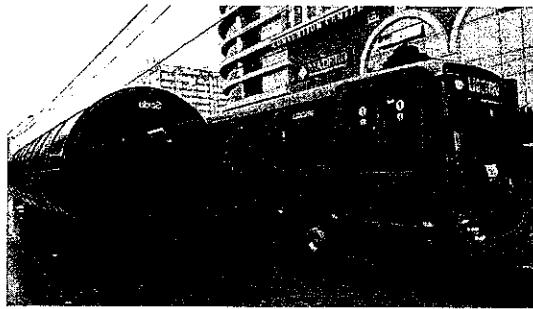
Do you \_\_\_\_\_?

## 4 READING

A Read the article. What is it about? Circle the correct answer.

- a. the environment    b. a special bus system    c. a subway system

# Do You Know How a Rapid Bus System Works?



Curitiba is a beautiful and environmentally friendly city in Brazil. Do you know why it is so famous? In 1974, Curitiba started the first rapid bus system in the world. Now, more than 80 cities, including Seoul in South Korea and Ottawa in Canada, have a rapid bus system.

This kind of bus system is successful because the buses have a special lane on the road. No cars or taxis can use the lane. This helps the buses

be on time. This is very important, especially during commuting time. Also, the bus stops are special. Every bus stop has a small station and a platform. Passengers buy a ticket and then enter the station. When the bus comes, the passengers can walk quickly onto the bus. This saves a lot of time because they don't pay the driver.

Why are rapid bus systems popular around the world? The cost of a new system is cheaper than a new subway or train system. The buses use a road, not a special track. Also, in cold or wet weather, passengers can wait in the little station. It's more comfortable than a regular bus stop.

B Circle the correct answer to each question.

- Where is Curitiba?  
a. South Korea                      b. Brazil                      c. Canada
- What started in Curitiba?  
a. the first rapid bus system    b. the first bus stop                      c. the first ticket machines
- Where do passengers wait for the bus?  
a. outside a station                      b. inside a station                      c. at a taxi stand
- Where do passengers buy a ticket?  
a. inside the station                      b. on the bus                      c. outside the station

C Read the article again. Write answers to the questions.

- What happened in 1974? \_\_\_\_\_
- Why are the special bus lanes so important?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Why is it important that passengers buy their tickets before entering the station?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Why are rapid bus systems popular throughout the world?  
\_\_\_\_\_