# The Future of **Transportation**



#### **Skills:**

Can understand a short factual description or report within their own field, provided simple language is used and that it does not contain unpredictable detail.

**Teens** 

Individual

# Discuss these questions with your teacher.

- 1. What places would you like to visit in the future?
- 2. Do you think traveling will be easier in the future?
- 3. What kind of transportation do you think we will use in the future?

#### Fill in the blanks to discover three new ways to travel and move around in the future.

Smart roads

Flying taxis

Underground roads

(1) are small aircrafts. They can take off and land like a helicopter. They do not need a runway. You can call it with an app on your phone. They are fast and can help you avoid traffic. You can fly above the busy streets. Companies are testing these now.

(2) are tunnels below cities. Cars and buses can drive through these tunnels. They are designed to reduce traffic on the roads above. Some tunnels are only for electric cars. These cars are quiet and don't make the air dirty. It can help make cities cleaner and less noisy.

(3) are regular roads with special technology. They have sensors and cameras to check the traffic and weather. They can send information to cars and traffic lights, can tell cars to slow down if there is an accident or move faster if there is no traffic. They can also help find the best route to take. This helps cars move faster and reduces traffic jams.

Talking about the Future. Check out the table on Page 3 to learn how to talk about the future

### Match the corresponding halves of the questions.

- 1. Will people use...
- 2. Will it be safe for cars to drive on...
- 3. Do you think people will...
- 4. Will there be a lot of...

- a. flying taxis?
- b. a smart road?
- c. need to wait for buses in the future?
- d. underground roads to go to school?



#### Now, unscramble the words to find the answers.

- 1. need / buses / for / the / future / to / won't / People / wait / in
- 2. flying / will / taxis / of / There / a / be / lot
- 3. routes / Smart / choose / drivers / help / the / best / route / will
- 4. drone / take / will / to / go / work / People / to / buses

# Read the text and fill in the gaps using the Future Simple form of the verbs.

it will be faster won't will travel will also will will use
will be will only
In the future, people(1) in new and exciting ways.
People(2) underground roads more often. In big cities, there(3)
new types of public transportation, like buses that(4) need a driver, flying taxis and smart roads.
Hyperloops will be very popular too! They are special tubes where people can travel at high speeds.
A trip that used to take hours(5) take a few minutes(6) we travel
from Los Angeles to New York in one day? We hope so!
Traveling to other planets(7) be possible with new space shuttles.
Technology will change how we travel(8) safer, and better for the planet. The future of transportation is very exciting!

# Read the text again and answer the questions.

- 1. What kind of new transportation will people use more in the future?
- a) Trains
- b) Buses without drivers
- c) Airplanes
- d) Boats
- 2. What is a hyperloop?
- a) A fast bus
- b) A high-speed train
- c) A special tube for fast travel
- d) A flying car

- 3. How will future transportation be different?
- a) Slower and less safe
- b) More expensive
- c) Faster, safer, and better for the planet
- d) Only for long-distance travel
- 4. How long will a trip from Los Angeles to New York take in the future?
- a) A few hours
- b) A few days
- c) A day
- d) A week

## **7** Discuss these questions with your teacher!

Do you believe Hyperloops will be popular one day? Why? What kind of transport won't you use in the future?

Do you think people will like flying taxis more than buses? Why?

#### **Grammar: Talking about the Future**

The Future Simple tense is very useful to talk about things that will happen in the future.

To make a future simple sentence, you usually use "will" plus the base form of the verb.

For example: "In the future I will use drone buses to go to school."

If you want **to ask a question**, **switch the order of "will" and the subject**: "**Will** you **drive** on an underground road?"

To make a **negative sentence**, add **"not" after "will"**: "My mom **will not (won't) like** to use flying taxis"

## **Correct answers**

- Made in "Discussion Questions".
- Made in "Create a text" and "Fill in the Gaps".
  - 1. Flying taxis
  - 2. Underground roads
  - 3. Smart roads
- Made in "Discussion Questions" + "Matching Halves".
  - 1. d
  - 2. b
  - 3. c
  - 4. a
- Made in the "Scramble" tool.
  - 1. People won't need to wait for buses in the future
  - 2. There will be a lot of flying taxis
  - 3. Smart routes will help drivers choose the best route
  - 4. People will take drone buses to go to work
- Made in "Create a text" and "Fill in the Gaps".
  - 1. will travel
  - 2. will use
  - 3. will be
  - 4. won't
  - 5. will only
  - 6. Will
  - 7. will also
  - 8. It will be faster
- Made in "ABCD Questions".
  - 1. b, 2. c, 3. c, 4. c
- Made in "Discussion Questions".

The grammar rule was made in the "Create a Text" tool.