Module:

Transportation

LESSONS
Transit in the U.S. ................................................................. 2
Navigating Transit ................................................................. 13
Driving .................................................................................. 25
Lesson:

Transit in the U.S.

GOALS

In this lesson you will learn about:

- Public transit
- Paying for public transit
- Walking safely in the city

CONTENTS

New Words......................................................................................................................3
In Your Country ................................................................................................................3
Transit...............................................................................................................................4
Other Public Transit Options ...........................................................................................5
Paying for Public Transit ................................................................................................6
Private Transit ..................................................................................................................8
Walking............................................................................................................................9
Wrap-Up ........................................................................................................................11
Resources ......................................................................................................................12
NEW WORDS

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Words</th>
<th>Meanings</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>transit</td>
<td>cars, buses and trains</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>public transit</td>
<td>cars, buses and trains for everyone</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Metro Vanpool</td>
<td>shared rides for people who go to the same place</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ADA Paratransit</td>
<td>transit for people with disabilities or other transit needs</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Via to Transit</td>
<td>shared rides to the light rail</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Night Owl Bus</td>
<td>a bus late at night</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ORCA Card</td>
<td>a card to pay for transit</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ORCA Lift</td>
<td>a cheaper card to pay for transit</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Transit Go</td>
<td>an app to pay for transit</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>transfer</td>
<td>once you pay for transit, you can ride free for two hours</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>taxi / cab</td>
<td>a ride from a driver in a licensed car</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>rideshare</td>
<td>a ride from a driver in a private car</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>bike share</td>
<td>a bike you can rent by the hour</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>short-term car rental</td>
<td>a car you can rent by the hour</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

IN YOUR COUNTRY

Talk in a group:

▷ How do people get around in your country?
▷ If they take transit, how do they pay?
▷ How do you get around now?
TRANSPORTATION

TRANSPORTATION

TRANSIT

Transit is a way to travel.

Public transit is ways to travel for everyone.

Private transit is owned by a person or company.

Every city has different transit.

ACTIVITY: Transit Vocabulary Match

Match the pictures to the words:

- bus
- train
- taxi / cab
- light rail
- bicycle
- streetcar
- van
- ferry

Images: kingcounty.gov, seattle.gov, cdc.gov

Lesson: Transit in the U.S.
Beginning Level

4
OTHER PUBLIC TRANSIT OPTIONS

ADA Paratransit
For people with disabilities or special transit needs.

Via to Transit
A driver picks up passengers from their homes or bus stops and drives them to a light rail station.

Night Owl Buses
Buses from 1:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m. for people who work late.

Metro Vanpool
A shared ride for people who go to the same place, like work or school.

Images: kingcounty.gov
PAYING FOR PUBLIC TRANSIT

ORCA Card

- Put money on your card to pay transit.
  - Buy an ORCA Card online, at a vending machine or in-person.
  - Use your card by tapping it on a card reader. Wait until you hear a “beep” sound.

ORCA Lift

- ORCA Lift is cheaper than an ORCA card.
- ORCA Lift is for people who have lower incomes.
- Your teacher can help you find a place to apply.

Cash

- You can pay for the bus with cash.
- Put the cash in the machine by the driver.

Tickets

- On light rail, trains, streetcar and ferries, you must buy a ticket.
- Buy a ticket from the ticket vending machine.
Transit GO

- Transit GO is a phone app.
- Use it to buy tickets.

Transfers

- When you pay for transit, you get a transfer.
- You can ride free for 2 hours.
- If you pay with cash, you get a paper transfer.
- If you use an ORCA card or Transit GO, the transfer is automatic.
PRIVATE TRANSIT

Taxi

- Pay for a ride in a company car.
- Use an app, call a taxi phone number, or wave to a taxi driver.

Rideshare

- Ride share is like a taxi, but drivers use their own cars.
- Use an app on your phone.

Bike Share

- Rent a bike on the street.
- Use an app on your phone.
- To be safe, bring a bike helmet.

Short-Term Car Rentals

- There are cars you can rent for an hour.
- Use an app on your phone.
WALKING
It’s important to be safe when you walk in the U.S.

ACTIVITY: What’s Wrong?
Look at the picture. What’s the problem?
Safety While Walking

When you walk, follow safety rules:

1. Use a crosswalk.

2. At a light, push the button and wait for the signal.

3. Look both ways for cars.

4. Make eye contact with drivers.
Other Safety Rules:

• Put your cell phone away
• Wear bright clothing
• Hold hands with children

Image: nhsta.gov

WRAP-UP

Answer the questions. Talk with your class.

➤ What did you learn today?
➤ How will you use transit in the future?

________________________

________________________

________________________

________________________
RESOURCES

- Other King County transit:  

- Paying for transit:  
Lesson:

Navigating Transit

GOALS
In this lesson you will learn about:

- Reading a transit schedule
- Using transit apps
- What to do if you get lost

CONTENTS
New Words.................................................................................................................... 14
In Your Country .............................................................................................................. 14
Habiba Gets Lost.......................................................................................................... 15
Navigating Transit........................................................................................................ 16
Transit Apps.................................................................................................................... 18
Getting Lost .................................................................................................................. 23
Habiba Finds her Way .................................................................................................. 23
Wrap-Up ........................................................................................................................ 24
# NEW WORDS

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Words</th>
<th>Meanings</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>transit</td>
<td>cars, buses and trains</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>public transit</td>
<td>cars, buses and trains for everyone</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>schedule</td>
<td>the times the bus or train is coming</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Google Maps</td>
<td>a phone app to look for directions and transit</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>leave</td>
<td>go from a place</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>arrive</td>
<td>come to a place</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>route</td>
<td>the streets a bus travels on every day</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>rideshare</td>
<td>a ride from a driver in a private car</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>One Bus Away</td>
<td>a phone app to see transit schedules and routes</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

# IN YOUR COUNTRY

Talk in a group:

- How do people get around in your country?
- How do they find directions?
- What happens if someone is lost?
HABIBA GETS LOST

Habiba is from Somalia.
She moved to the U.S. from South Africa.
In South Africa, Habiba walked everywhere.
Now, she lives in a big city.
She can’t walk everywhere.
Habiba takes the bus.

Habiba has a doctor appointment.
She can take the bus from her home to the doctor’s office.
Habiba gets on the bus.
She rides for 10 minutes.
Habiba doesn’t know where to get off.
She rides for 20 more minutes.
Habiba looks outside.
She doesn’t know where she is.
Habiba is lost.

Questions

► How does Habiba feel?
► What should Habiba do?
► Have you ever been lost?
ACTIVITY: Which Transit?

Look at the pictures. What transit do you use? Talk with your class.

bike  bus  car
light rail / train  ferry  walk

NAVIGATING TRANSIT

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Signs show which buses stop at that bus stop.</th>
<th>Maps show where the buses or trains go.</th>
<th>Security officers and drivers can help and answer questions.</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>

Images: kingcounty.gov, cdc.gov and seattle.gov
ACTIVITY: Reading a Bus Schedule

Read the bus schedule. Work with your classmates. Answer the questions:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th>Pacific Hwy S &amp; Kent Des Moines Rd* Stop #60800</th>
<th>SeaTac Int'l Airport Int'l Blvd &amp; S 176th St* Stop #60900</th>
<th>Tukwila Int'l Blvd Station Bay 1 Tukwila Int'l Blvd &amp; S 154th St* Stop #60921</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Time</td>
<td>11:21 AM</td>
<td>11:33 AM</td>
<td>11:41 AM</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>11:36 AM</td>
<td>11:49 AM</td>
<td>11:57 AM</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>11:52 AM</td>
<td><strong>12:05 PM</strong></td>
<td><strong>12:13 PM</strong></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td><strong>12:07 PM</strong></td>
<td><strong>12:20 PM</strong></td>
<td><strong>12:28 PM</strong></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Image: kingcounty.gov

 ê What time is the first stop at Pacific Hwy S & Kent Des Moines Rd?

 ë What time is the last stop at Tukwila Int’l Blvd Station Bay 1?

 ì If the bus leaves SeaTac Int’l Airport at 12:05, what time will it get to Tukwila Int’l Blvd Station Bay 1?
Google Maps

Google Maps can help you find directions.

See a map

Look for places or addresses

The blue dot is you.

Find you on the map.

Find directions
Lesson: Navigating Transit
Beginning Level

Find directions

Choose:
- car
- transit
- walk
- rideshare
- bike

Choose when to go or come

Routes
How long it will take
ACTIVITY: Google Maps Practice

Use your phone. Practice in class or at home.

1. Get the Google Maps app.

2. Type in your address.

3. Look for directions from.

4. Answer the Questions:
   ▶ How will you travel? (Circle)
   ▶ How long will it take? _________________
   ▶ What time should you leave? _______________
One Bus Away

This phone app shows when buses or trains are coming.

Click to get a bus schedule.

Find you on the map.

Click on a stop see which buses stop there.

The blue dot is you.
TRANSPORTATION

ACTIVITY: Reading a One Bus Away Schedule

Look at the schedule. Answer the questions:

- What bus is coming? ____________________
- What bus left? _________________________
- What time is the next 43 bus coming? ____________________

Shows when buses or trains are coming.
GETTING LOST

If you get lost, don’t worry!

- Write the name, address, and phone number of the place you’re going. If you get lost you can ask for help.
- Ask the driver or transit security officer for help. Show them your paper.
- Ask another person for help.
- Use transit apps.

HABIBA FINDS HER WAY

Habiba asked the bus driver for help.
She was scared.
She wrote the doctor’s office address.
She gave the paper to the bus driver.
The bus driver was very friendly.
He knew where the doctor’s office was.
The bus driver told Habiba when to get off the bus.

Habiba got to the doctor’s office.
She was late, but the doctor was happy to see her.
The doctor opened Google Maps on Habiba’s phone.
She showed Habiba how to get home.
Habiba was happy.
WRAP-UP

Answer the questions. Talk with your class.

► Do you take transit?
► Which apps will you use?
► Do you think you will get lost?
► Why or why not?
Lesson:

Driving

GOALS

In this lesson you will learn about:

- Applying for a driver’s license
- Basic traffic laws
- What to do if you are in a car accident
- What to consider when you buy a used car

CONTENTS

New Words .......................................................................................................................... 26
In Your Country .................................................................................................................. 26
Getting Your Driver’s License (When You Are 18 and Over) ........................................ 27
Traffic Signs and Traffic Laws ............................................................................................ 28
What To Do After an Accident ............................................................................................ 29
What To Do When You Are Pulled Over ............................................................................. 30
Drinking and Driving .......................................................................................................... 30
Buying a Car ....................................................................................................................... 31
Wrap-Up ............................................................................................................................. 32
NEW WORDS

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Words</th>
<th>Meanings</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>driver’s permit</td>
<td>document that allows you to drive before you get a driver’s license</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>fee</td>
<td>payment</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>valid</td>
<td>legal</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>renew</td>
<td>get a new one</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>training</td>
<td>class</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>pass a test</td>
<td>do a good job on a test</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>fail a test</td>
<td>do a poor job on a test; you must take it again</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>temporary license</td>
<td>license which is good for a short time.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>permanent license</td>
<td>license which is good for a long time.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>yield</td>
<td>give way</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>merge</td>
<td>join</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>pedestrian</td>
<td>person walking on the road</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>put your car in gear</td>
<td>start the engine</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

IN YOUR COUNTRY

ACTIVITY: Driving in Your Country

Talk about your experience and discuss with your classmates:

- Did you drive in your country? Why or why not?
- If yes, were you a good driver?
- Do people drive well in your country?
GETTING YOUR DRIVER’S LICENSE (WHEN YOU ARE 18 AND OVER)

1. Apply for an instruction permit at a Driver’s License office.

2. Pass the knowledge test. Study for it by yourself or take a class at a Driver’s License school.

3. Pass a vision test and have your photo taken. Bring your ID, proof of residence and your social security number. Pay the fee.

4. Get an instruction permit. Your permit is good for one year. Practice driving.

5. Pass a driving test. If you do not pass the test, you can practice more and take it again.

6. Get your driver’s license.

You can find a teacher who speaks your language at a driving school.
TRAFFIC SIGNS AND TRAFFIC LAWS

Many accidents occur when drivers don’t see or follow traffic signs and traffic laws.

ACTIVITY: Vocabulary Practice

Match the words to the pictures

- **Stop Sign**
- **Yield Sign**
- **No Parking Any Time**
- **One Way**
- **School Zone**
- **Merge**
- **Construction Zone**
- **Do Not Enter**
- **Disabled Parking**
- **Pedestrian Crossing**
- **Speed Limit**
Traffic Rules

Read the rules and write **G** if they are **Good** or **B** if they are **Bad**.

- ___ Drive if you don’t have a license.
- ___ Check the tires before you drive.
- ___ Check the mirrors and lights before you drive.
- ___ Always keep your eyes on the road.
- ___ Talk on the phone while driving.
- ___ Eat, drink or smoke while driving.
- ___ Drive at the speed limit.
- ___ Wear your seat belt.
- ___ Don’t drive when you’re tired.
- ___ Follow other cars closely.
- ___ Make sure children less than five years old are in a child safety seat in the back seat.
- ___ Give right of way to pedestrians and police cars, ambulances and fire trucks.
- ___ Use turning signals.

**WHAT TO DO AFTER AN ACCIDENT**

1. Stay at the scene.
2. Call 911.
3. On a highway, stay in the car and wait for the police or an ambulance.
4. Stay calm. Exchange contact and insurance information with the other driver.
5. Call your insurance.
WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU ARE PULLED OVER

1. When you see a police car behind you with the lights flashing, pull over to the side of the road.

2. Wait inside your car for the police officer to come.

3. Give the police your license, proof of insurance or car registration if the officer asks for it.

4. Be polite. Do not try to give the officer money.

5. If a ticket is issued, pay the fine.

6. If you think you did not do anything wrong, go to traffic court.

DRINKING AND DRIVING

Driving alcohol and driving is a crime.

It is called Driving Under the Influence (DUI).

A DUI arrest is a big problem.

You can go to jail.

You can lose your driver's license.

You can pay a lot of money in fines.

You can cause an accident.

You can hurt or even kill other people.

Do not drink alcohol and drive a car.
BUYING A CAR

Buying a Used Car

When you get a job, you can buy a car.

You can buy a used car or a new car.

A used car is less money than a new car.

Remember:

1. Take your time. Go to a few car dealerships that you or your friends trust.
2. Know how much money you can spend.
4. Think about gas mileage, safety, and maintenance costs.
5. Ask to see the car’s accident and repairs report.
6. Ask for a lower price.
7. Take the car for a drive test to check the headlights, turning signals, windshield wipers, gas and breaks pedals.
8. Take the car to a good mechanic to make sure it doesn’t have any big problems.

Buying a New Car

When you buy a new car, it comes with a warranty.

A warranty helps to keep repair and maintenance costs low.

You must have good credit because you will need a bank loan.
You will make monthly payments on your car.

For a first car, a new car is sometimes too expensive.

Get car insurance. The cost of the insurance will depend on your age, driving history and neighborhood.

**WRAP-UP**

Talk to your classmates. Is it better to own your car or use public transportation? Why do you think so? Write three reasons.

---

**RESOURCES**

Go to [www.dol.wa.gov](http://www.dol.wa.gov) for more information. You can find the Washington Driver Guidebook and learn about the DMV’s services.