



# Culture Corner

## Cars & Public Transportation

### Vocabulary

- 1 Label pictures 1 & 2 using the words below. Which one shows a means of public transportation?
- road trip • subway car



1 .....

2 .....

### Listening

- 2 Listen and label the sentences as T (True) or F (False).

- In the US, the most popular form of transportation is the train. ....
- Many American families have two cars. ....
- In the suburbs, Americans prefer traveling by car. ....
- When visiting friends in another state, Americans prefer traveling by car. ....

### Reading

- 3 Read the text and circle the correct answer (A, B, or C) for statements 1-5. Then explain the words in bold.

In the US, the most popular means of transportation is the car. People use it for everyday activities such as getting to work, going to the supermarket, and taking the children to and from school. Young people also like to use the car to go on **road trips** with their friends since it is an **affordable** way to get away for the weekend.

Many families often have two cars and a lot of high school students drive themselves to school. In large cities such as Boston, New York, and Washington, DC, **public transportation** is very good and also **widely used**. There is regular **subway**, train, and bus service. According to a recent **survey**, 12% of Americans use a taxi, while 13% use public transportation. This shows that taxis are also a popular means of transportation, but mostly in the downtown areas of major cities.

However, in the **suburbs** and in **rural** areas, Americans prefer to use their cars to **get around** because they often have to drive a long distance to get to school or work.

When visiting relatives or friends in another state, Americans usually prefer to travel by airplane. This is because the US is so huge that it can take many days to travel by car or by train.

### Speaking

- 4 How do you prefer to travel? Are there means of transportation that you don't like using? Why?

### Writing

- 5 Write a short text about the transportation system in your town/city. Include which forms of public transportation are available, which ones you think are the most popular, and if the car is as popular as in the US (150-180 words). Use the text in Ex.3 as a model.

- In the US, people prefer to use their car only for road trips.  
A Right    B Wrong    C Doesn't say
- The subway system in New York City is widely used.  
A Right    B Wrong    C Doesn't say
- You can travel across the US quickly by road.  
A Right    B Wrong    C Doesn't say
- American cars are faster than taxi cabs.  
A Right    B Wrong    C Doesn't say
- Americans like traveling by plane when visiting relatives or friends.  
A Right    B Wrong    C Doesn't say