

## 6. Traffic

Means of public transport include, buses, trams, trolleys, and underground trains.

People travel by bicycle, motorcycle, taxi, plane and ship. Things are transported by van, lorry, boat and ferry. I usually go to school on foot or by bike, but when the weather is bad my Mum takes me to school by car.

I think the underground is the most comfortable because it is fast, it doesn't get stuck in traffic jams and runs frequently. You should buy the tickets in advance to avoid rush hours.

Rush hours are time periods when the roads are the most crowded because people are travelling to or from work.

You can buy tickets at the newsagent's or at ticket offices. Before travelling, you have to validate your ticket by punching it. If you have monthly ticket you don't have to worry about buying a ticket because it is valid for several journeys.

If you are in a hurry you can take a taxi. You can order it by phone or wave one down in the streets. It is fast but expensive. You also have to give a tip to the driver, depending on the service.

In Hungary you can see three coloured traffic lights, or two coloured at zebra crossings. If you know the signs you will avoid accidents.

Parking is getting more and more difficult nowadays because the number of cars has increased. It's not rare that there are two cars in a family which are both used every day.

If you are 17 you can have a driving licence. You have to take a driving course. The course consists of a series of lectures on the Highway Code, First Aid and driving practice.

You have to have a medical certificate to prove that you have no medical problems that would influence driving.

The most typical driving offences are speeding or drunk driving.

Public transport can be made more environmentally friendly by replacing buses with trams or running them on natural gas.

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