

Lesson 41: Train, Bus, Taxi

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1. Dialogue

First, repeat after your tutor. Then, practice each role.

Paul, the bus driver: Good morning. Where **are** you **off to**?

Akira: I'm heading to Bondi Beach.

Paul: That's a long way from here. Do you have a bus pass?

Akira: No, I don't have one.

Paul: That'll be \$6. (gets the money and gives Akira a bus card) You should get a bus pass next time. The fare's a little cheaper when you use the bus pass.

Akira: Thanks, I will. (sits just behind the driver's seat) How far away is it?

Paul: It's around 20 kilometers from here. We should be there in 30 minutes, tops. It's a lot faster by train but there's a long walk from the station to the beach.

Akira: Maybe I'll take a train on the way back.

Paul: That's alright. You can do some sightseeing on Bondi Road as you walk from the beach to the train station. I bet you'll enjoy buying souvenirs.

Akira: Thanks for the advice. I'll sure miss our chitchat, though.

2. Today's Phrase

First, repeat after your tutor. Then, make a few sentences using Today's phrase.

1. I'm **off to** Canada for a business convention next week.

2. **Are you off to** the mall? Can I hitch a ride with you?

3. I'm **off** to take the kids to school.

* be off (to ...) / (...に)向かう

3. Your Task

You are a tourist in Australia. You'll be travelling by public transportation all round Sydney all week. You heard that it's convenient and a lot cheaper to use bus and train passes. Talk to the hotel receptionist about this. Ask him/her (=your tutor) how much the train and bus cards cost, where you can get them and how many times you can use each card.

4. Let's Talk

Talk about public transportation in your city. What kind of transportation do you find most convenient for your daily commute? Why?

5. Today's photo

Describe the photo in your words as precisely as possible.



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