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On the Move

There are many different ways to travel and to move goods around. Sometimes people walk and use animals pulling carts to transport heavy items. Aircraft, ships, trains, cars and buses carry people and freight from one place to another. The way people and things are moved depends on how quickly they need to travel, and where they are going.



A container ship can carry much more than an aeroplane, but is much slower.

Trains can carry far more than trucks, but trucks are still needed to collect the goods from the train at the end of its journey.

Buses and coaches carry more people than cars, but don't usually take everyone to their final destinations, so some people prefer to travel by car if they have one.

Do you remember?

Copy these sentences. Choose the correct word to fill each gap. The explanation and picture will help you.

1. Trains can carry people and [redacted]. (freight, buses)
2. Aeroplanes are [redacted] than ships. (slower, faster)
3. Trucks can carry [redacted] than trains. (more, less)
4. Buses and coaches carry [redacted]. (people, freight)
5. Some people prefer to travel by [redacted]. (train, car)

More to think about

1. List the things in the picture:
 - a) that carry freight.
 - b) that carry people.
2. If aeroplanes are the quickest way to move freight around, why aren't they used for everything all the time?
3. What would be the best way to:
 - a) move food from a factory to the shops?
 - b) get your class to the local swimming pool?
 - c) bring oil from 2000 kilometres away?
 - d) get to Spain on holiday?
 - e) move large amounts of coal to a power station?

Now try these

1. Write a sentence to answer each question.
 - a) Why do some people like to travel by car if they have one?
 - b) What problems can there be about travelling by car?
 - c) Why is it better if more goods can be sent by train?
 - d) Do you think more people should travel by bike? Give your reasons.
2. Write a letter to your Member of Parliament about a new airport being built near to your house. Decide whether you are for or against the new airport and give reasons to support your argument.

