



Five College Center for the Study of World Languages

### Conversation Preparation Guides

**Title: Means of Transportation**

**Topic: Transportation**

**Level: Novice**

#### Practice on Your Own

- Think of point A and point B in the place where you live. What are the available ways to move from A to B? Name them. Your list can include bus, taxi, bike, car, subway... Think of a bigger city; what are other available options there?
- Think of adjectives that can describe each means of transportation; for instance, “cheap” for bus, “fast” for subway, “expensive” for taxi, etc. Then use them in sentences such as “The bus is cheap” or “The bus is not expensive,” “Bikes are good” or “I don’t like cars.”
- Prepare to tell your conversation partner about the types of transportation that exist in the city where you live and also in bigger cities. For instance, “My city has buses” or “Boston has subways, trains and buses.”

#### Practice in Conversation Session

- Be prepared to name available types of public transportation in the place where you live for your conversation partner. Having some photos of different means of transportation would help with reviewing the names.
- Answer your conversation partner’s questions about each means of transportation. For instance:
  - (while pointing at a photo) What’s the name of this? What’s the name of that?
    - This is a bus. That is a train...
  - Which one is expensive?
    - The bus is expensive.
  - Which one is big and which one is small?
    - The train is big and the bike is small.
  - Does Amherst have subways?
    - No, Amherst does not have subways.
- Repeat the names again to make sure you are pronouncing them well.