



Five College Center for the Study of World Languages

Conversation Preparation Guides

Title: Naming Means of Transportation

Topic: Vocabulary Basics

Level: Novice

Practice on Your Own

- Practice the words for different means of transportation in the target language, such as car, bus, train, airplane, ship, bicycle, motorcycle, truck...
- Practice words associated with transportation such as railroad, street/road, airport, port...
- Find photos of different means of transportation, then point at them and name them.
 - This is a bus.
 - This is a train.
 - That is a motorcycle.
 - It is an airport.
 - This is an airplane.

Practice in Conversation Session

- Bring photos of some means of transportation. Pointing at each photo, identify the name of the means of transportation as well as other elements in the photo such as colors, place... This is a car, this is a red car, car and road...
- Now name different companies, makes, airports...
 - Toyota cars, GM cars, Ford cars, Japanese cars, German cars...
 - Logan airport, JFK airport, Dallas airport, Heathrow airport...
 - Amtrak trains, Japanese trains...
 - Airbus airplanes, Boeing airplanes...
- What are the adjectives you know that can be associated with some of the means of transportation?
 - Airplane – fast
 - Train – long
 - Car – small
 - Bus – cheap
 - Airport – far