



TOPIC- MADAM RIDES THE BUS

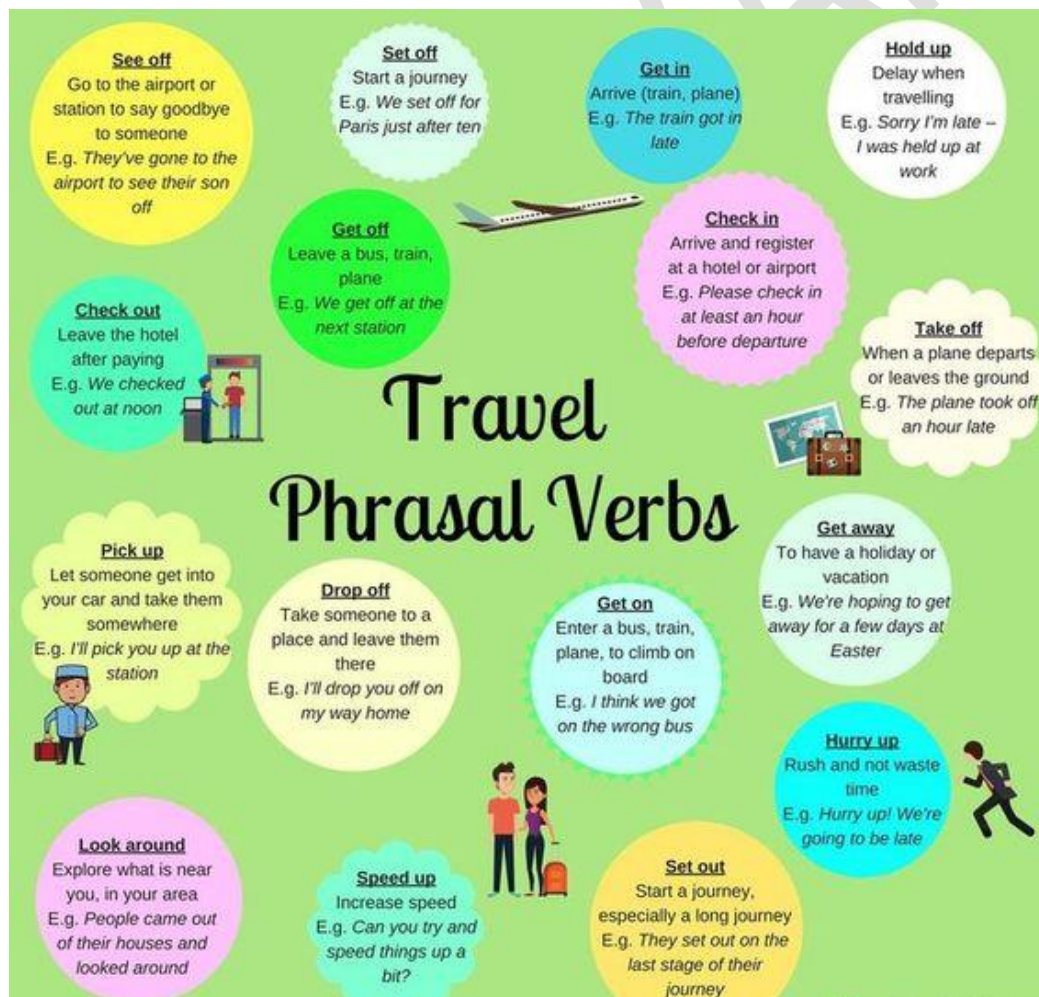
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READING CONTENT

GLOSSARY

1. Devoured- read quickly and eagerly (here)
2. Canvas- a coarse fabric
3. Blind- a partition
4. Curtly- rudely brief or abrupt
5. Hamlet: a small settlement with a few houses.
6. Chimed in-to add (one's comment or opinion) to a conversation or discussion that one has been listening to
7. Traversed- travelled across

LEARN YOUR LANGUAGE





THEME

The story also shows the world from a child's eyes and her perspective. The story depicts the curious nature of children. It also portrays how easily children are fascinated by new things and their curiosity doesn't end until and unless they get to experience and live their fantasy. They create their own world of fantasy and get delighted about it. So, the curiosity and innocence of a child has been showcased in the story in a humorous and entertaining tone through Valli's experience of her first bus ride. The story also shows the world from a child's eyes and her perspective.

SETTING-The bus on which Valli takes the ride.

NARRATION- 3rd person Narrative.

CHARACTER ANALYSIS

Valli: Valli was an eight year old, wonderful girl. She was curious, mature, clever, intelligent, practical and self-respecting beyond her age. Standing in the front doorway and watching what was happening in the street was her favourite pastime. Her curiosity to explore the world led her to develop a deep desire to take a bus ride. She was a great planner. She thriftily saved every penny that came her way for her first bus journey. She displayed immense maturity and self-control in the way she resisted temptations in the fair. During her first bus journey, Valli was full of enthusiasm and excitement. She enjoyed the landscape, the canal, palm trees, distant mountains and green fields stretching out as far as her eye could see. She reacted strongly when she was called 'a child' or 'madam'. The self-respecting girl refused to accept a free cold drink offered by the bus conductor. She planned her bus journey during the nap hours of her mother. She was also sensitive which gets reflected in her reaction towards the death of the cow.

The conductor: The conductor was quite friendly, amiable and good-natured man. He was a helpful person and loved to spread happiness. He showed genuine concern towards the young girl Valli. He made sure that she was comfortably seated and also offered to buy her something to drink. He did not feel annoyed at Valli's childish ways and her demand of respect and her wish of not to be treated as a child. Instead, he humorously called her 'madam' to fulfil her wish to be treated as an adult.

MCQS-

1. "Valli would stare wistfully at the people who got on or off the bus." What is the meaning of wistfully?

(a) Longingly

(b) Fearfully



- (c) Carefully
- (d) Willingly

2. Which word was used by Valli and her friends as a slang expression for disapproval?

- (a) Okay! Okay!
- (b) Yeah! Yeah!
- (c) Proud! Proud!
- (d) Oh okay!

3. From the following options, identify the conductor's intention behind calling Valli 'Madam'.

- (a) Hatred
- (b) Envy
- (c) Joke
- (d) Sarcasm

4. Select the correct option for (i) and (ii).

- (i) Valli found the elderly woman repulsive.
- (ii) The woman had large piercings in her ears, wore ugly earrings and chewing betel nut.
- (a) (ii) is true (i) is false
- (b) (i) is true (ii) is false
- (c) Both (i) and (ii) are false
- (d) (ii) is the cause for (i)

5. What was the timing of the afternoon nap taken by Valli's mother?

- (a) 1 to 3
- (b) 1 to 4
- (c) 2 to 4
- (d) 2 to 3