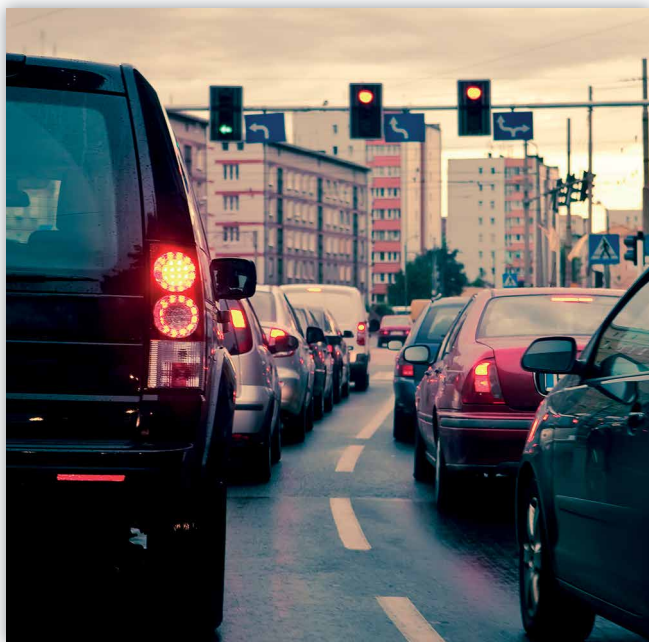


PRE-INTERMEDIATE UNIT 2

1 Work in pairs. Discuss the questions.

- 1 What are the advantages and disadvantages of having a long journey to work/college every day?
- 2 Have you ever had a long commute?
- 3 What's your favourite way to travel? Why?



2 Watch the DVD. Match the times 1–3 to the places where Justin is a)–c).

- 1 Friday afternoon/evening
 - 2 six o'clock
 - 3 Saturday morning
- a) boarding the plane
b) at home in France
c) leaving the office

3 Work in pairs. Watch the DVD again and answer the questions.

- 1 Which European nationality spends most time travelling to/from work?
- 2 What is Justin's job?
- 3 Which of these is NOT one of the jobs done by the group of commuters?
 - charity manager
 - IT worker
 - hotel operator
 - marketing manager
 - BT consultant
- 4 Why did Justin and his wife decide to move to France?
- 5 How much are the flights if he books early?
- 6 How long does it take Justin to drive from Toulouse airport to his home?
- 7 How does Justin feel on Saturday morning?

4A Complete the extracts with a word from box A and a word from box B.

A

Euro make transformed river takes traffic

B

commuter jams lifestyle move off view

- 1 Do you feel like you're wasting time, sitting in _____?
- 2 But his home is in France. Justin is a _____.
- 3 The flight _____. There's no time for shopping with these guys.
- 4 So why did you decide to _____ this _____ in the first place?
- 5 That's the house down there, with the terrace, with the _____.
- 6 We've just _____ our _____.

B Watch the DVD again to check.

5A Choose one of the work-related trends/practices below and find out as much as you can about it. What are the good aspects of each trend/practice? Make notes.

- telecommuting
- flexitime
- pop-up businesses
- zero-hours contracts
- call centres

B Work in groups. Ask and answer questions about the trend/practice you chose.

A: I chose flexitime.

B: What is it?

A: It's when you work a number of hours each month, but you can change the time you start or finish your working day.