

SPEAKING MATERIAL

ENGLISH FILE INTERMEDIATE- UNIT 3

VOCABULARY

A- Complete the compound nouns in the sentences.

Example: Watch out for the speed camera when you drive out of town.

1. I never drive during the _____ hour because the traffic is so bad.
2. Can you believe that drivers didn't wear seat _____ in the past?
3. Excuse me, is there a petrol _____ near here?
4. I don't like riding my bike in towns with no cycle _____.
5. The _____ transport is excellent here. You don't need a car at all.
6. The queues at this taxi _____ are always long on Saturday nights.
7. It's annoying when cyclists go through a red traffic _____.
8. The speed _____ in many British towns is now as low as 20 mph.

B- Complete the sentences with the correct preposition.

Example: Are you listening to me?

1. Is there anything that you're really afraid _____?
2. I'm fed up _____ my job. I need a change.
3. Try not to laugh _____ Bill when he speaks French - his accent is terrible!
4. It can take ages to get to the city centre - it depends _____ the traffic.
5. This restaurant reminds me _____ the one we went to in Paris.
6. He used to be married _____ my youngest sister.
7. Jenna is arriving _____ Cardiff on Saturday evening.

C- Complete the phrasal verbs in the sentences.

Example: Slow **down**! You're going way too fast!

1. We need to s_____ off for the airport at 6.00 if the flight is at 9.00.
2. We're going to r_____ out of petrol soon. There's very little left.
3. Watch o_____ for speed cameras on this road - you don't want to get caught.
4. My satnav wasn't working and I e_____ up in the wrong part of town.
5. If you want a lift home, I could p_____ you up outside the supermarket.

PICTURE DESCRIPTION

Work in pairs. Look at the picture for thirty seconds and imagine you are a passenger travelling on the bus below. Write down at least five sentences about what you see and how you are feeling. Then compare your sentences with your partner.



MINI-PRESENTATION

Work in pairs. Choose one of the topics given below. Then prepare a mini presentation by answering the questions given. You can take notes as you prepare your answer. The preparation is supposed to take one minute. Finally, talk for maximum 2 minutes about the given subject.

TOPIC 1

Talk about the most enjoyable train / car / bus or plane journey you have taken before. You should say:

- *Where and when you took the journey*
- *Who you were travelling with*
- *What the purpose of the journey was*
- *Explain what was enjoyable about it*

TOPIC 2

Talk about the most common means of transport that you use. You should say:

- *What it is*
- *When and how often you use it*
- *What you think about it*
- *Explain why you prefer this type of transport*

GROUP DISCUSSION

Work in groups of three or four students. Answer the questions given by taking turns.

1. Which method of transport do you consider the safest? Why?
2. Compare how people travelled fifty years ago and today.
3. What changes would you like to see in the transport system in your hometown?
4. How can more people be encouraged to take public transportation?
5. What are some problems that people have to deal with in traffic?