



Using public transport | 🎧 Podcast and Chill

Transcript

Gwen: Hey, everyone! Welcome to 'Podcast and Chill.'

Leo: I'm Leo, your always-up-for-a-laugh guy!

Gwen: And I'm Gwen, here to bring a dash of logic and reason to Leo's...well, let's call them 'enthusiastic' ideas.

Leo: Hey, every show needs a little humor, right? And who better to bring it than me?!

Gwen: Alright, alright. And together, we bring you a mix of topics, from the thought-provoking to the downright hilarious.

Leo: Stay tuned, and let's 'Podcast and Chill' together!

Gwen: So, today we're diving deep into the topic of public transport. Gwen, I bet you're the type to always arrive 10 minutes early for the bus, aren't you?

Leo: That's correct. Being punctual allows for any unforeseen delays. It's logical.

Gwen: And I'm the guy running behind the bus, waving it down! But hey, I always say, if you miss one bus, there's always another... eventually.

Leo: Well, not always, Leo. That's why schedules exist. But let's focus on the topic at hand. Public transport is essential for many people. It's economical, environmentally friendly, and often very efficient.

Gwen: True! And it's also a place where you can witness some of life's most amusing moments. Like the time I saw a man board the bus with a parrot on his shoulder. Not something you see every day!

Leo: Interesting. But on a more practical note, when using public transport, it's essential to be aware of the schedules, routes, and any changes that might occur.

Gwen: Absolutely! And it's also good to have a backup plan... like knowing the number of a good taxi service in case you end up chatting with a friend and miss the last train. Not that I speak from experience or anything...



Leo: Leo, always the adventurer. For our listeners, I'd recommend downloading a public transport app. It's a great way to keep track of times and routes.

Gwen: Oh, and maybe an app with some fun games too! To pass the time during those longer rides.

Leo: Or perhaps an educational app to improve your English skills?

Gwen: That works too! Always thinking ahead, Gwen.

Leo: Also, if you're in a new city, don't hesitate to ask locals for advice. They usually know the best routes. And who knows, you might make a new friend.

Gwen: That's a valuable tip. Building connections and improving language skills go hand in hand.

Leo: Speaking of hands, always hold onto the handrails! One sudden stop and you might find yourself in someone's lap.

Gwen: Safety first, always. And for those trying to be eco-friendly, many cities now offer bike-sharing schemes as a part of public transport. It's a great way to stay fit and explore.

Leo: And if you're like me, it's also a chance to show off your fancy bike bell! Ding ding!

Gwen: Always the entertainer. Well, listeners, we hope our chat provided both information and entertainment. Public transport is more than just a way to get from point A to B. It's an experience, a slice of the city's life.

Leo: And sometimes, it's a comedy show, especially if I'm around! We'll be back with more topics, more laughs, and more English lessons.

Gwen: Well, that's all for today's episode. We hope you enjoyed our chat about public transport and maybe even had a laugh or two.

Leo: Yes, and we look forward to discussing more everyday topics with you. If you have any questions or topics you'd like us to cover, please let us know.

Gwen: "Environmentally friendly" - Good for the environment; not harmful.

Gwen: Example: Using reusable bags instead of plastic ones is environmentally friendly.

Gwen: "Carbon emissions" - Carbon dioxide released into the atmosphere, usually by vehicles and factories.

Gwen: Example: To reduce carbon emissions, many people are choosing electric cars.



Gwen: "Cost-effective" - Providing good value; not too expensive for what is received.

Gwen: Example: Buying in bulk is often more cost-effective than buying single items.

Gwen: "Congestion" - Being overcrowded, especially with traffic.

Gwen: Example: City centers often face traffic congestion during rush hours.

Gwen: "Unpredictability" - The quality of being difficult to guess or forecast.

Gwen: Example: The unpredictability of the weather made it hard to plan outdoor events.

Gwen: I hope you found the repeated listening to be beneficial. Let's get started with some discussion questions on the subject.

Leo: According to the conversation, what are some of the advantages of using public transport?

Gwen: Some advantages mentioned include being environmentally friendly, cost-effective, safer, providing increased free time, and reducing traffic congestion.

Leo: What are some of the disadvantages of public transport as discussed by Gwen and Leo?

Gwen: Some disadvantages they mentioned include unpredictability, limited coverage or areas serviced, and overcrowding during peak times.



Study materials: Using public transport

Vocabulary

Word/Phrase	Pronunciation	Definition	Example
Punctual	/ˈpʌŋktʃuəl/	Being on time and not late.	Sarah is always punctual for meetings, she never keeps anyone waiting.
Unforeseen	/ˌʌnfɔːrˈsiːn/	Not expected or predicted.	Due to unforeseen circumstances, the event was canceled.
Economical	/ˌekəˈnɔːmɪkl/	Providing good value or service in relation to the amount of money, time, or effort spent.	Buying groceries in bulk is more economical than buying single items.
Adventurer	/ədˈventʃərər/	A person who enjoys or seeks adventure.	As an adventurer, Mike traveled to many exotic places around the world.
Eco-friendly	/iːkəʊ ˈfrendli/	Not harmful to the environment.	Reusable water bottles are eco-friendly because they reduce waste.



Environmentally friendly	/ɪnˌvaɪrənmentəli 'frendli/	Good for the environment; not harmful.	Using reusable bags instead of plastic ones is environmentally friendly.
Carbon emission	/'kɑːrbən ɪ'mɪʃn/	Carbon dioxide is released into the atmosphere, usually by vehicles and factories.	To reduce carbon emissions, many people are choosing electric cars.
Cost-effective	/kɔːst ɪ'fektɪv/	Providing good value; not too expensive for what is received.	Buying in bulk is often more cost-effective than buying single items.
Congestion	/kən'dʒestʃən/	Being overcrowded, especially with traffic.	City centers often face traffic congestion during rush hours.
Unpredictability	/ʌnpɪˌdɪktə'bɪləti/	The quality of being difficult to guess or forecast.	The unpredictability of the weather made it hard to plan outdoor events.



Pre-Listen Questions

1. What are the Pros and Cons of Using Public Transportation?
2. Why might someone prefer to use public transport instead of a personal car?

Coherence Questions

1. What is the main topic of this podcast episode?
2. How does Gwen describe herself at the beginning of the podcast?
3. What kind of personality does Leo portray throughout the podcast?
4. Which host shared a humorous anecdote about seeing a man with a parrot on a bus?
5. How does Gwen emphasize the importance of punctuality in relation to public transport?
6. What does Leo suggest as a backup plan if someone misses the last train?
7. Why does Gwen recommend downloading a public transport app?
8. According to the podcast, why is bike-sharing considered eco-friendly?
9. In the vocabulary section, how does Gwen define "environmentally friendly"?
10. What example does Gwen give to illustrate the term "traffic congestion"?

Post-Listen Questions

1. Leo suggests two types of apps for people to use during long rides on public transport. What are they?
2. According to Leo, what should one always do while on a moving bus or train for safety reasons?



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