

Task 1: Dear John, This is Diep Anh. How have you been? I hope you and your family are doing well. As you may know, yesterday was my birthday. Since it was my 19th birthday, I wanted it to be special, so I threw a small party. There were only a few close friends but I enjoyed spending time with them a lot. I received many gifts, but my favorite gift had to be the one from my best friend. It was a pair of shoes from a store we used to stop by every Sunday morning after our History class together. She knew I have always wanted a pair of all-white sneakers, so the shoes were perfect. I wish you could come to one of my parties in the near future. I know you'd have loved hanging out with my friends. Hopefully, we'll have the chance to do so during your trip to Vietnam in August. I look forward to hearing from you. Best regards, Diep Anh

Task 2 In my opinion, I think by plane is the most convenient and fast way to travel. I agree that travelling by plane is more expensive than any other form of transportation. However, it is quicker. For example, if you're travelling to Da Nang City, it takes up to three days to travel by car, one day to travel by train, but only one hour to travel by plane. If you add up all the costs during the days you need travel by other transportation, it usually costs more than the amount of money you need to buy a plane ticket. Therefore, to say travelling by plane is the most expensive is not entirely true. In addition, in order for a plane to be granted permission to fly out, it must meet certain safety requirements. For instance, before any flight, there must be well-trained technical engineers to ensure that the plane is at its best and ready for takeoff. Moreover, if the engineers find out that there has been any kind of technical difficulties, the plane will not be granted permission to operate and the airport authority can delay or cancel the flight. Not to mention, any kind of transportation has its own risk. Travelling by car or by train can be just as dangerous as travelling by plane if you're not well-prepared or if there is any malfunction. In conclusion, if you're travelling long-distance, you should travel by plane for the sake of time and convenience. Travelling by plane is not the most expensive and dangerous.