

Lesson 8 Means of Transport

- ⇒ Transport plays an important role in our daily life.
- ⇒ Transport is the way or means by which people and goods are moved from place to place.
- ⇒ The means can be men, animals, cars, buses, coaches, trains, ships, aircraft and so on.
- ⇒ The ways of transport can be through land, water or air.
- ⇒ Land Transport
cycle, rickshaw, autorickshaw, scooter, bus and car can be travel on land only. They are, thus, the means of land transport.
- ⇒ Bus carries passengers.
- ⇒ Trucks are used to carry goods.
- ⇒ Tanker carries oil from one place to another.

India has a large network of railways connecting all parts of the country. trains run on railway lines and carry hundreds of passengers and tonnes of goods.

⇒ A train that carries passengers is called a passenger train.

⇒ A train that carries goods is called a goods train.

⇒ Kolkata has a tram service as well as metro service.

⇒ Delhi has a metro service.

⇒ Water Transport

Boats, ships and steamers sail on water and are called means of water transport.

⇒ Water transport is the cheapest means of transport. We have to spend lots of money on laying roads and rails but in water transport no roads or rail is needed. India has a big shipping industry. There are many ports in India from where ships carry goods to other countries.

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⇒ Motor boats, yachts, hover crafts, houseboats, sawboats and speedboats are also the means of water transport.

⇒ Air Transport

⇒ Aeroplanes and helicopters are means of air transport.

⇒ Air transport is the fastest means of transport.

passenger aeroplanes can be big or small. they carry 50-200 passengers at a time. they need a very big space to take off and land.

A helicopter is a small aircraft. It takes off and lands in a very small space. it carries 5 to 6 persons at a time.

Air transport is the most expensive means of transport.

⇒ India has a large network of airways and airports. airports are places where aeroplanes land and take off.

⇒ In villages, people travel on foot or on bullock-carts and bicycles. Many villages are connected by roads on which buses ply. Nowadays, many well-off villagers have tractors and jeeps.

At many places, animals are used by the people for carrying people and their things. Camels are used in deserts. Camel is called the ship of the Desert. Elephants are used to move around in the thick forests. People in the hills use mules and ponies to travel.

A. Fill in the blanks.

1. Car and bus are means of land transport.
2. Trains run on rail.
3. Delhi has a metro service.
4. Camel is called the 'ship of the Desert'.
5. People in the hills use mules and ponies to travel.

B. Give two examples of each:

1. Means of land transport Bus car
2. Means of water transport Boat ship
3. Animals used for travelling Camel elephant

C. Answer these questions.

Q.1. What is the meaning of the word 'transport'?

Ans Transport is the system by which people and goods are moved from place to place.

Q.2. What is the difference between a passenger train and a goods train?

Ans Passenger train carries passengers and goods train carries goods.

Q.3. Why is water transport cheap?

Ans Because we have to spend lots of money on laying roads and rails but in water transport no road or rail is needed.

Q.4. What is the difference between an aeroplane and a helicopter?

Ans Aeroplane can be big or small they carry 5 to 200 passengers at a time and a helicopter is a small craft. It carries 5 to 6 passengers at a time

Q. 5. How do people travel in villages?

Ans In village people travel on foot or on bullock-carts and bicycles.