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Level 1 – 4th May 2023

Germany issues cheap public transport ticket

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2305/230504-germany-ticket-1.html>

Public transport is important. We use it to go to work, visit friends, and for our daily business. Trains, buses and subways can be expensive. Transport companies created the Germany Ticket. This lets people use local and regional transportation for just 49 euros (\$54) a month. The ticket is for all public transport in Germany except long-distance intercity trains. More than three million tickets have been sold.

The Germany Ticket is better for the environment. People will use environmentally-friendly trains and buses more. Germany's Chancellor was happy with the new ticket. He said it was easy and cheap. He added it would help Germany hit climate targets and be carbon neutral by 2050. A transportation analyst said more people should use trains and buses. Other countries may create a similar ticket.

Sources: <https://apnews.com/article/germany-public-transit-cheap-ticket-trains-metro-3d83f1a35ab8e3945b8034b9bd511c29>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Public transport | a. intercity trains |
| 2. We use it | b. be expensive |
| 3. for our daily | c. to go to work |
| 4. subways can | d. and regional |
| 5. local | e. business |
| 6. just 49 euros (\$54) | f. have been sold |
| 7. long-distance | g. a month |
| 8. three million tickets | h. is important |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. better for the | a. Chancellor |
| 2. use environmentally- | b. by 2050 |
| 3. Germany's | c. friendly trains |
| 4. happy with the new | d. targets |
| 5. He said it was easy | e. environment |
| 6. help Germany hit climate | f. ticket |
| 7. be carbon neutral | g. use trains |
| 8. more people should | h. and cheap |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Public transport is important. (1) _____ to go to work, visit friends, and (2) _____ business. Trains, buses and subways (3) _____. Transport companies created the Germany Ticket. This lets people (4) _____ regional transportation for just 49 euros (\$54) a month. The ticket (5) _____ public transport in Germany except long-distance intercity trains. More than three million tickets (6) _____.

The Germany Ticket is (7) _____ environment. People will use environmentally-friendly (8) _____ more. Germany's Chancellor was happy (9) _____ ticket. He said it was (10) _____. He added it would help Germany hit climate targets and (11) _____ by 2050. A transportation analyst said more people should use trains and buses. Other countries may (12) _____ ticket.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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TRANSPORTATION SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about transportation in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.

When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

WRITING

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Write about **transportation** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.
