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**Level 3 – 4th May 2023**

## Germany issues cheap public transport ticket

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# THE ARTICLE

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

Public transport is an important part of many peoples' lives. We need it to go to work, visit family and friends, go sightseeing and go about our daily business. However, in many countries, trains, buses and subways are very expensive. A new scheme in Germany has been launched to make getting around easier. Transport companies have got together to create the Germany Ticket. This allows people who buy it to use all local and regional transportation across the country for just 49 euros (\$53.90) a month. The ticket is valid for all forms of public transport in Germany except for long-distance intercity trains. More than three million tickets were sold on the day of the launch.

Transportation bosses hope the new Germany Ticket will be good for the environment. They want more people to leave their cars at home and use more environmentally friendly forms of transportation. Germany's Chancellor, Olaf Scholz, welcomed the new ticket. He said it is "an easy and cheap offer that will make public transit more attractive and help us to achieve our climate goals". Germany aims to become carbon neutral by 2050. A transportation analyst said the Germany Ticket was a "revolution" for Germany. He said: "We need a scheme that puts rail before road and get passengers onto trains and buses". Another analyst hopes other countries will start a similar ticket.

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# WARM-UPS

**1. TRANSPORTATION:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about transportation. Change partners often and share your findings.

**2. CHAT:** In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

public transport / visit family / sightseeing / expensive / scheme / local / ticket / day / boss / environmentally friendly / attractive / revolution / road / rail / bus / passenger

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

**3. TRAINS:** Students A **strongly** believe trains are better than buses; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**4. IMPROVEMENTS:** What is wrong with these forms of transport? How can we make them better? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What's Wrong?	Improvements
Trains		
Buses		
Subways		
Ferries		
Taxis		
Planes		

**5. BUS:** Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "bus". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

**6. TRANSPORT:** Rank these with your partner. Put the best at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Trains
- Airplanes
- Bicycles
- Taxis
- Motorbikes
- Ferries
- Buses
- E-scooters

# VOCABULARY MATCHING

## Paragraph 1

- |                |  |
|----------------|--|
| 1. sightseeing | a. Done, made, or happening every day or every weekday.                      |
| 2. daily       | b. About the area near or around where someone lives.                        |
| 3. scheme      | c. Introduced a new product to the public for the first time.                |
| 4. launched    | d. A big plan or arrangement for putting an idea into action.                |
| 5. local       | e. The activity of visiting interesting and famous places in a town or city. |
| 6. regional    | f. A type or kind of something.  |
| 7. form        | g. About an area of a country or the world.                                  |

## Paragraph 2

- |                    |   |
|--------------------|---|
| 8. boss            | h. A big and wide-reaching change in something, or in how something works.                                    |
| 9. attractive      | i. A person who is in charge of a worker, group, business, company or organization.                           |
| 10. achieve        | j. A person who studies something in detail.  |
| 11. carbon neutral | k. A traveller on a public or private bus,, train, taxi, airplane, etc. other than the driver, pilot, or crew |
| 12. analyst        | l. Successfully bring about or get a or result.   |
| 13. revolution     | m. Making or resulting in no extra CO2.   |
| 14. passenger      | n. Being interesting enough for people to want.   |

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

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

## 1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

1. The article says we use public transport for our daily business. **T / F**
2. The government created the Germany Ticket. **T / F**
3. The Germany Tickets covers all buses and trains in Germany. **T / F**
4. People bought more than three million Germany Tickets in one hour. **T / F**
5. The Germany Ticket will be better for the environment. **T / F**
6. Germany's chancellor was happy with the Germany Ticket. **T / F**
7. Germany aims to be carbon neutral by 2030. **T / F**
8. An analyst hopes other countries will introduce similar tickets. **T / F**

## 2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- |                      |                  |
|----------------------|------------------|
| 1. <b>important</b>  | a. big change    |
| 2. <b>scheme</b>     | b. not including |
| 3. <b>allows</b>     | c. chiefs        |
| 4. <b>valid</b>      | d. system        |
| 5. <b>except for</b> | e. lets          |
| 6. <b>bosses</b>     | f. major         |
| 7. <b>forms</b>      | g. appealing     |
| 8. <b>attractive</b> | h. comparable    |
| 9. <b>revolution</b> | i. acceptable    |
| 10. <b>similar</b>   | j. kinds         |

## 3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- |  |                            |
|--|----------------------------|
| 1. Public transport is an important part | a. onto trains             |
| 2. go about our daily                    | b. subways                 |
| 3. trains, buses and                     | c. of public transport     |
| 4. use all local and                     | d. friendly forms          |
| 5. The ticket is valid for all forms     | e. of many peoples' lives  |
| 6. the new Germany Ticket will be good   | f. neutral by 2050         |
| 7. use more environmentally              | g. for the environment     |
| 8. help us to achieve our climate        | h. business                |
| 9. Germany aims to become carbon         | i. goals                   |
| 10. get passengers                       | j. regional transportation |

# GAP FILL

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

Public transport is an important (1) \_\_\_\_\_ of many peoples' lives. We need it to go to work, visit family and friends, go (2) \_\_\_\_\_ and go about our daily business. However, in many countries, trains, buses and (3) \_\_\_\_\_ are very expensive. A new scheme in Germany has been (4) \_\_\_\_\_ to make getting around easier. Transport companies have got together to (5) \_\_\_\_\_ the Germany Ticket. This allows people who buy it to use all local and (6) \_\_\_\_\_ transportation across the country for just 49 euros (\$53.90) a month. The ticket is (7) \_\_\_\_\_ for all forms of public transport in Germany except for long-distance intercity trains. More than three million tickets were sold on the (8) \_\_\_\_\_ of the launch.

*regional*  
*sightseeing*  
*launched*  
*day*  
*part*  
*valid*  
*create*  
*subways*

Transportation (9) \_\_\_\_\_ hope the new Germany Ticket will be good for the environment. They want more people to leave their cars at home and use more environmentally (10) \_\_\_\_\_ forms of transportation. Germany's Chancellor, Olaf Scholz, (11) \_\_\_\_\_ the new ticket. He said it is "an (12) \_\_\_\_\_ and cheap offer that will make public transit more attractive and help us to achieve our climate (13) \_\_\_\_\_ ". Germany aims to become carbon (14) \_\_\_\_\_ by 2050. A transportation analyst said the Germany Ticket was a "revolution" for Germany. He said: "We need a scheme that puts rail before road and get (15) \_\_\_\_\_ onto trains and buses". Another analyst hopes other countries will start a (16) \_\_\_\_\_ ticket.

*neutral*  
*welcomed*  
*similar*  
*bosses*  
*easy*  
*passengers*  
*friendly*  
*goals*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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

- 1) Public transport is an important part of \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. many peoples' live
  - b. many peoples' rivals
  - c. many peoples' libels
  - d. many peoples' lives
- 2) go to work, visit family and friends, go sightseeing and go about \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. our daily businesses
  - b. our day business
  - c. our daily business
  - d. dour daily business
- 3) This allows people who buy it to use all local \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. and regional transportation
  - b. and region all transportation
  - c. and legion all transportation
  - d. and lesion all transportation
- 4) valid for all forms of public transport in Germany except for long-\_\_\_\_\_
  - a. distances intercity trains
  - b. distanced intercity trains
  - c. distance intercity trains
  - d. distancing intercity trains
- 5) More than three million tickets were sold on the day \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. of the lunch
  - b. of the launch
  - c. of a launch
  - d. off the launch
- 6) leave their cars at home and use more environmentally friendly \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. firms of transportation
  - b. forms of transportation
  - c. farms of transportation
  - d. ferns of transportation
- 7) He said it is an easy and cheap offer that will make public \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. transit more attract tiff
  - b. transit more at traction
  - c. transit more at active
  - d. transit more attractive
- 8) Germany aims to become carbon \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. neutral by 2050
  - b. neuter by 2050
  - c. new trawl by 2050
  - d. newt trawl by 2050
- 9) We need a scheme that puts rail before road and get \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. passengers onto trains
  - b. passing jazz onto trains
  - c. pass in jazz onto trains
  - d. pass singes onto trains
- 10) Another analyst hopes other countries will start \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. as similar ticket
  - b. a similarity ticket
  - c. ace similar ticket
  - d. a similar ticket

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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

Public transport is (1) \_\_\_\_\_ of many peoples' lives. We need it to go to work, visit family and friends, go sightseeing and (2) \_\_\_\_\_ daily business. However, in many countries, trains, buses and subways are very expensive. A new scheme in Germany has been launched to make (3) \_\_\_\_\_. Transport companies have got together to create the Germany Ticket. This allows people who buy it to use all (4) \_\_\_\_\_ transportation across the country for just 49 euros (\$53.90) a month. The ticket is valid (5) \_\_\_\_\_ of public transport in Germany except for long-distance intercity trains. More than three million tickets were sold on the (6) \_\_\_\_\_ launch.

Transportation (7) \_\_\_\_\_ new Germany Ticket will be good for the environment. They want more people to leave their cars at home and use more environmentally (8) \_\_\_\_\_ transportation. Germany's Chancellor, Olaf Scholz, welcomed the new ticket. He said it is "(9) \_\_\_\_\_ cheap offer that will make public transit (10) \_\_\_\_\_ help us to achieve our climate goals". Germany aims to become carbon neutral by 2050. A transportation analyst said the Germany Ticket was a "revolution" for Germany. He said: "We need a scheme that puts rail before road and (11) \_\_\_\_\_ trains and buses". Another analyst hopes other countries will start (12) \_\_\_\_\_.



# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

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

1. What does the article say is expensive in many countries?
2. Who got together to create the Germany Ticket?
3. How much does the monthly Germany Ticket cost?
4. What is the Germany Ticket not valid for?
5. How many Germany Tickets were sold on the day of its launch?
6. What do transport bosses want people to leave at home?
7. What did Germany's chancellor say the ticket could help to achieve?
8. By when does Germany want to be carbon neutral?
9. What does an analyst say we need to put before road?
10. What does an analyst hope will create a similar ticket?

# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

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

- 1) What does the article say is expensive in many countries?
  - a) energy
  - b) air fares
  - c) trains, buses and subways
  - d) steel to make trains
- 2) Who got together to create the Germany Ticket?
  - a) transport companies
  - b) passenger groups
  - c) the government
  - d) airline bosses
- 3) How much does the monthly Germany Ticket cost?
  - a) 49 euros (\$59.30)
  - b) 43 euros (\$59.90)
  - c) 49 euros (\$53.30)
  - d) 49 euros (\$53.90)
- 4) What is the Germany Ticket not valid for?
  - a) taxis
  - b) long-distance intercity trains
  - c) international trains
  - d) e-scooters
- 5) How many Germany Tickets were sold on the day of its launch?
  - a) around three million
  - b) exactly three million
  - c) more than three million
  - d) just fewer than three million
- 6) What do transport bosses want people to leave at home?
  - a) their keys
  - b) their travel passes
  - c) their children
  - d) their cars
- 7) What did Germany's chancellor say the ticket could help to achieve?
  - a) equality
  - b) climate goals
  - c) more savings
  - d) quicker journeys
- 8) By when does Germany want to be carbon neutral?
  - a) 2030
  - b) 2040
  - c) 2060
  - d) 2050
- 9) What does an analyst say we need to put before road?
  - a) rail
  - b) buses
  - c) airplanes
  - d) bicycles
- 10) What does an analyst hope will create a similar ticket?
  - a) e-scooter companies
  - b) airplanes
  - c) the government
  - d) other countries

# ROLE PLAY

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

## **Role A – Trains**

You think trains are the best form of transport. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their forms. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): bicycles, airplanes or buses.

## **Role B – Bicycles**

You think bicycles are the best form of transport. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their forms. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): trains, airplanes or buses.

## **Role C – Airplanes**

You think airplanes are the best form of transport. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their forms. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): bicycles, trains or buses.

## **Role D – Buses**

You think buses are the best form of transport. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their forms. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): bicycles, airplanes or trains.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

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

**1. WORD SEARCH:** Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'transport' and 'ticket'.

transport	ticket

- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS:** Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**3. GAP FILL:** In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

**4. VOCABULARY:** Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

**5. TEST EACH OTHER:** Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• important</li><li>• daily</li><li>• getting</li><li>• together</li><li>• valid</li><li>• except</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• hope</li><li>• home</li><li>• easy</li><li>• aims</li><li>• analyst</li><li>• road</li></ul>
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# TRANSPORTATION SURVEY

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

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.

# TRANSPORTATION DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'transport'?
3. How important is public transport?
4. What's public transportation like where you live?
5. Do you prefer buses or trains?
6. Do you think public transportation is expensive?
7. Should we use bicycles instead of public transportation?
8. What do you think of the Germany Ticket?
9. Where would you go if public transportation was free?
10. How can we make public transportation better?

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# TRANSPORTATION DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'ticket'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. Will the Germany Ticket be good for the environment?
15. Are trains and buses good for the environment?
16. What do you think of countries becoming carbon neutral?
17. What are the bad things about public transport?
18. How often do you use the public transport system in your country?
19. What do you dislike about public transportation?
20. What questions would you like to ask transportation bosses?

## **DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)**

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

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## **DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)**

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

# LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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

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**Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.**

- |     |              |                |              |             |
|-----|--------------|----------------|--------------|-------------|
| 1.  | (a) partner  | (b) part       | (c) party    | (d) parts   |
| 2.  | (a) days     | (b) daily      | (c) day      | (d) day job |
| 3.  | (a) any      | (b) much       | (c) more     | (d) many    |
| 4.  | (a) ease     | (b) easier     | (c) easy     | (d) easily  |
| 5.  | (a) veiled   | (b) valid      | (c) validity | (d) vole    |
| 6.  | (a) length   | (b) longing    | (c) long     | (d) longs   |
| 7.  | (a) by       | (b) at         | (c) for      | (d) on      |
| 8.  | (a) by       | (b) on         | (c) at       | (d) to      |
| 9.  | (a) request  | (b) order      | (c) plea     | (d) offer   |
| 10. | (a) negative | (b) normal     | (c) positive | (d) neutral |
| 11. | (a) before   | (b) ahead      | (c) advanced | (d) past    |
| 12. | (a) same     | (b) similarity | (c) similar  | (d) simile  |



# SPELLING

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## Paragraph 1

1. go hetgnesgsii
2. A new cmehes in Germany
3. all local and airgloen transportation
4. ialdv for all forms of public transport
5. except for long-antcdise intercity trains
6. tickets were sold on the day of the naulch

## Paragraph 2

7. good for the mevtnernoni
8. make public transit more etaatritcv
9. Germany aims to become carbon elunart by 2050
10. the Germany Ticket was a vioeltunro
11. get paerngsse onto trains
12. other countries will start a amirsil ticket

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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

**Number these lines in the correct order.**

- ( ) to leave their cars at home and use more environmentally friendly forms of transportation. Germany's
- ( ) launched to make getting around easier. Transport companies have got together to
- ( ) across the country for just 49 euros (\$53.90) a month. The ticket is valid for all forms of public transport in Germany except
- ( ) onto trains and buses". Another analyst hopes other countries will start a similar ticket.
- ( ) for Germany. He said: "We need a scheme that puts rail before road and get passengers
- ( ) family and friends, go sightseeing and go about our daily business. However, in many
- ( ) for long-distance intercity trains. More than three million tickets were sold on the day of the launch.
- ( ) neutral by 2050. A transportation analyst said the Germany Ticket was a "revolution"
- ( ) Transportation bosses hope the new Germany Ticket will be good for the environment. They want more people
- ( ) create the Germany Ticket. This allows people who buy it to use all local and regional transportation
- ( ) countries, trains, buses and subways are very expensive. A new scheme in Germany has been
- ( ) Chancellor, Olaf Scholz, welcomed the new ticket. He said it is "an easy and cheap offer that will
- ( **1** ) Public transport is an important part of many peoples' lives. We need it to go to work, visit
- ( ) make public transit more attractive and help us to achieve our climate goals". Germany aims to become carbon

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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

1. part Transport an important is peoples' lives . of
2. Germany been in has new scheme launched . A
3. have the Companies got create ticket . to together
4. of for public forms It's all transport . valid
5. the million day . tickets on were Three sold
6. more want leave people to They their cars .
7. achieve our to climate It'll help us goals .
8. carbon aims become 2050 . neutral to by Germany
9. a "revolution" . A the ticket analyst called transportation
10. a similar ticket . Other start countries will

# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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

Public transport is an *important / importance* part of many peoples' lives. We need it to go to work, visit family and friends, go sightseeing and go *about / around* our daily business. However, in *much / many* countries, trains, buses and *subways / subway* are very expensive. A new scheme in Germany has been launched *to / for* make getting around easier. Transport companies have got together to create the Germany Ticket. This *allowing / allows* people who buy *them / it* to use all local and regional transportation across a */ the* country for just 49 euros (\$53.90) a month. The ticket is valid for all forms *of / off* public transport in Germany except for long-distance intercity trains. *More than / Moreover* three million tickets were sold on the day of the launch.

Transportation bosses *hoping / hope* the new Germany Ticket will be good *at / for* the environment. They want more people to leave their cars *in / at* home and use more environmentally friendly forms of transportation. Germany's Chancellor, Olaf Scholz, *pleased / welcomed* the new ticket. He said it is "an easy and *cheap / cheaply* offer that will make public transit more attractive and help us to achieve *your / our* climate goals". Germany aims to become carbon neutral *by / on* 2050. A transportation *analyze / analyst* said the Germany Ticket was a "revolution" for Germany. He said: "We need a scheme *what / that* puts rail before road and get passengers onto trains and buses". Another analyst hopes other countries will start a *similarity / similar* ticket.

**Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct. Look up the definition of new words.**

# INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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P\_b\_l\_c tr\_nsp\_rt \_s \_n \_mp\_rt\_nt p\_rt \_f m\_ny p\_\_pl\_s' l\_v\_s. W\_ n\_\_d \_t t\_ g\_ t\_ w\_rk, v\_s\_t f\_m\_ly \_nd fr\_\_nds, g\_ s\_ghts\_\_ng \_nd g\_ \_b\_\_t \_\_r d\_\_ly b\_s\_n\_ss. H\_w\_v\_r, \_n m\_ny c\_\_ntr\_\_s, tr\_\_ns, b\_s\_s \_nd s\_bw\_ys \_r v\_ry \_xp\_ns\_v\_. \_ n\_w sch\_m\_ \_n G\_rm\_ny h\_s b\_\_n l\_\_nch\_d t\_ m\_k\_ g\_tt\_ng \_r\_\_nd \_\_s\_\_r. Tr\_nsp\_rt c\_mp\_n\_\_s h\_v\_ g\_t t\_g\_th\_r t\_ cr\_\_t\_ th\_ G\_rm\_ny T\_ck\_t. Th\_s \_ll\_ws p\_\_pl\_ wh\_ b\_y \_t t\_ \_s\_ \_ll l\_c\_l \_nd r\_g\_\_n\_l tr\_nsp\_rt\_t\_\_n \_cr\_ss th\_ c\_\_ntry f\_r j\_st 49 \_\_r\_s (\$53.90) \_ m\_nth. Th\_ t\_ck\_t \_s v\_l\_d f\_r \_ll f\_rms \_f p\_b\_l\_c tr\_nsp\_rt \_n G\_rm\_ny \_xc\_pt f\_r l\_ng-d\_st\_nc\_ \_nt\_rc\_ty tr\_\_ns. M\_r\_ th\_n thr\_\_ m\_ll\_\_n t\_ck\_ts w\_r\_s\_id \_n th\_ d\_y \_f th\_ l\_\_nch.

Tr\_nsp\_rt\_t\_\_n b\_ss\_s h\_p\_ th\_ n\_w G\_rm\_ny T\_ck\_t w\_ll b\_ g\_\_d f\_r th\_ \_nv\_r\_nm\_nt. Th\_y w\_nt m\_r\_ p\_\_pl\_ t\_ l\_\_v\_ th\_\_r c\_rs \_t h\_m\_ \_nd \_s\_ m\_r\_ \_nv\_r\_nm\_nt\_lly fr\_\_ndly f\_rms \_f tr\_nsp\_rt\_t\_\_n. G\_rm\_ny's Ch\_nc\_ll\_r, \_l\_f Sch\_lz, w\_lc\_m\_d th\_ n\_w t\_ck\_t. H\_ s\_\_d \_t \_s " \_n \_\_sy \_nd ch\_\_p \_ff\_r th\_t w\_ll m\_k\_ p\_b\_l\_c tr\_nsp\_t m\_r\_ \_ttr\_ct\_v\_ \_nd h\_lp \_s t\_ \_ch\_\_v\_ \_\_r cl\_m\_t\_ g\_\_ls". G\_rm\_ny \_\_ms t\_ b\_c\_m\_ c\_rbn n\_\_tr\_l by 2050. \_ tr\_nsp\_rt\_t\_\_n \_n\_lyst s\_\_d th\_ G\_rm\_ny T\_ck\_t w\_s \_ "r\_v\_l\_t\_\_n" f\_r G\_rm\_ny. H\_ s\_\_d: "W\_ n\_\_d \_ sch\_m\_ th\_t p\_ts r\_\_l b\_f\_r\_ r\_\_d \_nd g\_t p\_ss\_ng\_rs \_nt\_ tr\_\_ns \_nd b\_s\_s". \_n\_th\_r \_n\_lyst h\_p\_s \_th\_r c\_\_ntr\_\_s w\_ll st\_rt \_ s\_m\_l\_r t\_ck\_t.

# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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transportation bosses hope the new germany ticket will be good for the environment they want more people to leave their cars at home and use more environmentally friendly forms of transportation germanys chancellor olaf scholz welcomed the new ticket he said it is an easy and cheap offer that will make public transit more attractive and help us to achieve our climate goals germany aims to become carbon neutral by 2050 a transportation analyst said the germany ticket was a revolution for germany he said we need a scheme that puts rail before road and get passengers onto trains and buses another analyst hopes other countries will start a similar ticket

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# HOMEWORK

**1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION:** Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

**2. INTERNET:** Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. TRANSPORTATION:** Make a poster about transportation. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. FREE TRAVEL:** Write a magazine article about public transport being free. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

**5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?** Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**6. LETTER:** Write a letter to an expert on transportation. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your ideas on how to make it better. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. e    2. a    3. d    4. c    5. b    6. g    7. f  
8. i    9. n    10. l    11. m    12. j    13. h    14. k

## TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- 1 T    2 F    3 F    4 F    5 T    6 T    7 F    8 T

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. f	2. d	3. e	4. i	5. b
6. c	7. j	8. g	9. a	10. h

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. Trains, buses and subways
2. Transport companies
3. 49 euros (\$53.90)
4. Long-distance intercity trains
5. More than three million
6. Their cars
7. Climate goals
8. 2050
9. Rail
10. Other countries

## WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

1. Transport is an important part of peoples' lives.
2. A new scheme in Germany has been launched.
3. Companies have got together to create the ticket.
4. It's valid for all forms of public transport.
5. Three million tickets were sold on the day
6. They want more people to leave their cars.
7. It'll help us to achieve our climate goals.
8. Germany aims to become carbon neutral by 2050.
9. A transportation analyst called the ticket a "revolution".
10. Other countries will start a similar ticket.

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. c    2. a    3. d    4. b    5. c    6. d    7. b    8. d    9. a    10. d

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.  
(It's good for your English ;-)