

# Travelling

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1) People travel for many different reasons ranging from a desire to discover the world, experience cultures and food, get some nice weather, or just to chill out. Also, travel doesn't just include international trips abroad but also discovering what is right there on your doorstep. There are some main reasons why people choose to travel in general but also personal ones too. Here are some reasons why people choose to travel: visit family and friends, educate yourself and experience different cultures, change in perspective, escape the routine, challenge yourself, self-discovery, learn an activity, have an adventure, relax, recharge and rejuvenate, experience a different climate, going to work or school.

2) There are several means of transportation that people use to travel from one place to another. The most common means of transportation are land, water, and air transport. Here are some examples of each:

- Land transport: This includes vehicles that travel on land, such as cars, buses, trains, and bicycles.
- Water transport: This includes boats, ships, and ferries that travel on water.
- Air transport: This includes airplanes, helicopters, and hot air balloons that travel through the air.

There are also other means of transportation that are less common, such as cable cars, pipelines, and space transport. Some of these modes of transportation are used for specific purposes, such as transporting goods or people over long distances, while others are used for leisure or entertainment purposes.

People can travel by many various means of transport: car, bus, coach, plane, ship, cruiser, bicycle, motorbike, ferry, liner, speedboat, submarine, underground, train, trolleybus, helicopter, rocket, on foot... All of them have some advantages and some disadvantages:

**A car:**

A: comfortable, quick, we can travel everywhere and whenever we want

D: pollute the environment, expensive, driving licence necessary, pay attention on traffic, rules, traffic jams, car accidents, fuel necessary, hard to find parking spaces

**A bus:**

A: go often, quite cheap, many bus stops, tickets necessary

D: slower, crowded, uncomfortable, delays (especially in winter), mess, no privacy, thieves, noisy, pollution

**A bike:**

A: cheap, healthy, no pollution, great way of spending free time, keeps us fit, no costs and fuel necessary

D: only for small distances, no space for luggage, impractical in bad weather, slow, we can't sleep, eat, drink

**A plane:**

A: comfortable, for longer destination, quick, we can sleep, eat, drink, watch films, listen to music

D: feeling sick, terrorist attacks, passport and security check, restrictions (weight and amount of luggage, no liquids, fear of flight)

3) Travel in the past was about adventure, discovery and domination. However, when you think about it, the term explorer has gone out of style. Today, we contemplate whether we are tourists or travellers. Travelling in past was way more different than today. People used to travel on foot, usually on animals (horses, yaks, donkeys) or by ships. Reasons why people in the past mostly traveled for: food, water, soil, slavery, discovering new continents or they had to move because of battles. Nowadays people travel for various reasons. Some people travel for work, to move location or to study. Others travel for leisure, to see beautiful places, explore cultures and cuisines, try activities in different locations, visit family and friends, or to broaden their minds and learn about other cultures. Travel can be one of the most liberating things you could ever do. It can give you a sense of purpose in life.

4) My best experience with travelling was when I traveled to Netherlands with my family by car. The journey there took about 13 hours. We passed through Czech Republic and Germany. I don't remember too much of it because I slept almost the whole way there but I saw some nice places in Germany. In the Netherlands we used a train that brought us to Amsterdam but we usually used a car which was more suitable for us since we are used to buy too much stuff.

5) Travelling with family can be a wonderful experience that brings everyone closer together. It provides an opportunity to create lasting memories and strengthen family bonds. With my family we usually go to places where we can just relax for example aquaparks or pools with thermal water.

6) Most of the people usually go on holidays through summer holidays. It's great time for spending holidays with family. You have much more time with the kids because they are not in school. Some of people usually use a car but other prefer a plane or even bus.

7) Slovakia offers many interesting and beautiful places that you must visit. The High and Low Tatras are great places for spending holidays. Tatranska Lomnica offers a variety of accommodation, ski slopes, horse-riding track, casino, fitness centres and many more. Slovakia is also known for its many mineral and thermal springs. Trenčianske Teplice, Bardejov, Dudince, Sliač and Smrdáky are most visited spas. Besides its natural attractions, Slovakia also offers many interesting places for sightseeing. There are many castles in country but the most beautiful castles are in Orava, Spiš, Trenčín, Zvolen and Bojnice.

8) People in big cities around the world usually use public transport which is cheaper than for example taxi. Public transport includes buses, trolleys and tramcars.

9) + 10) Many of us spend their holidays differently. Some likes to go to warm destinations and other likes to spend their holidays somewhere in the mountains or in cold destinations. But all of this depends on our finances. There are many travel agencies that offer a large scale of holidays. People with a lot of money can afford an expensive holiday with all services like expensive accommodation, suitable insurance and comfortable way of travelling. Mostly by plane or by bus.

I personally prefer hot weather and the activities you can do in summer for example you can go swimming, hiking, camping with friends, to the nature or going for a walk with friends. On the other hand, activities you can do in winter: go skiing, making a snowman, going to the christmas markets.

11) Travel analysts try to predict which tourist destinations will be popular in the future. They say Slovakia has the potential to become a popular holiday destination due to its natural scenery and outdoor sport potential. Therefore, we need to invest a lot of money in our infrastructure and tourist services. They also say that there will be new types of tourist destinations – aquatic and cosmic. Flying high above Earth in an airship or staying at an underwater luxury hotel could become a part of our future summer holidays.

12) My dream place is somewhere in a tropical country because I love hot destinations. I am thinking of Spain, Latin America, Zanzibar or Thailand. I would love to live near the sea in a big old mansion with a big pool outside.

## Role play

**You have decided to take a year off school because you like travelling. Your destination is England. Your mum is absolutely against your decision. Try to persuade her.**

Firstly, I would acknowledge her concerns about my education and reassure her that I am committed to continuing my learning during the year abroad.

- "I understand that education is important, and I don't take that lightly. While I won't be attending formal classes, I plan to engage in a variety of educational experiences. England has a rich history and vibrant culture that I want to explore firsthand. Imagine the history lessons I could learn by visiting historical landmarks and museums."

Next, I would highlight the practical skills and life lessons I could gain from such an experience.

- "This journey will not just be about visiting tourist spots; it's an opportunity for me to become more independent, learn how to navigate different cultures, and improve my communication skills. These are crucial life skills that can't always be taught in a classroom."

Finally, I would express my passion and enthusiasm for this experience, emphasizing how it aligns with my personal and educational goals.

- "I've put a lot of thought into this decision, Mum. I truly believe that this experience will broaden my horizons and contribute positively to my personal and academic development. Your support means the world to me, and I'm more than willing to work together to address any concerns you might have."

## PREKLAD SLOVÍČOK

Reasons for travelling:

- To work - do práce
- For education – pre vzdelanie
- For pleasure – pre potešenie
- For a holiday- na dovolenku
- To seek adventure - hľadať dobrodružstvo

Ways of travelling:

- With a travel agency – s cestovnou kanceláriou
- Backpacker – batohom
- Self-catering holiday- dovolenka s vlastným stravovaním
- Package tour - zájazd

Means of transport :

- By car – autom
- By bus - autobusom
- By plane – lietadlom
- By ship- loďou
- By cruiser - krížnikom/ výletnou loďou

Trains :

- Intercity trains - medzimestské vlaky
- Sleeping car - lôžkový vozeň
- Dining car - jedálenský vozeň
- Compartment - kupé
- Conductor – sprievodca

Buses :

- Short/long distance - krátke/dlhé vzdialenosti
- Return ticket / single ticket - spiatočný / jednorazový lístok
- Platform - nástupište

Cars:

- To get / have a flat tyre - dostať defekt na pneumatike
- Motorway - diaľnica
- Crossroads - križovatka
- To fill up the tank - natankovať

Types of accomodation:

- Hostel -
- Chalet- chata
- Apartment - apartmán
- Guesthouse - penzión

Other types of transport:

- Ferry – trajekt
- Liner - parník
- Speedboat - motorový čln
- Submarine – ponorka
- Underground – metro
- Tram – električka
- Hot air ballon - teplovzdušný balón

