

by train, on foot, a bottle of milk

Transport and containers

6 Exercises · Duration: 20 min.

Around town

English

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Transport and containers

For a method of travel use **by** plus the transport word without an article: **by train, by bus, by car, by bike**. Walking is the fixed phrase **on foot**.

For a particular vehicle, use a normal noun phrase: **on the bus, on the train, in the car**. Method and physical position are different patterns.

Review quantities when shopping: **a bottle of milk, half a kilo of cheese**. A number changes the container word: **two bottles of milk**.

Form	Example	Meaning
by	I'm travelling by train.	Give the method of travel.
on	I'm going on foot.	Say you are walking.
on	I'm on the bus now.	Say you are aboard a particular bus.
in	I'm in the car now.	Say you are inside a particular car.
bottles	Two bottles of milk, please.	Ask for two containers of milk.
of	Half a kilo of cheese, please.	Name the substance in a measured amount.

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GRAMMAR

G1) NOTICE THE PATTERNS

Underline the form described in this unit.

1 I'm travelling by train.

Meaning: Give the method of travel.

2 I'm going on foot.

Meaning: Say you are walking.

3 I'm on the bus now.

Meaning: Say you are aboard a particular bus.

4 I'm in the car now.

Meaning: Say you are inside a particular car.

5 Two bottles of milk, please.

Meaning: Ask for two containers of milk.

6 Half a kilo of cheese, please.

Meaning: Name the substance in a measured amount.

G2) CHOOSE THE FORM

Choose the right word for the gap.

1 I'm travelling _____ train.

- ☐ A with
- ☐ B by
- ☐ C on

Meaning: Give the method of travel.

2 I'm going _____ foot.

- ☐ A on
- ☐ B with
- ☐ C by

Meaning: Say you are walking.

3 I'm _____ the bus now.

- ☐ A by
- ☐ B of
- ☐ C on

Meaning: Say you are aboard a particular bus.

4 I'm _____ the car now.

- ☐ A in
- ☐ B by
- ☐ C on

Meaning: Say you are inside a particular car.

5 Two _____ of milk, please.

- ☐ A bottleses
- ☐ B bottle
- ☐ C bottles

Meaning: Ask for two containers of milk.

6 Half a kilo _____ cheese, please.

- ☐ A of
- ☐ B to
- ☐ C at

Meaning: Name the substance in a measured amount.

G3) COMPLETE A SHORT MESSAGE

Fill the gaps with the words from the box.

by on

I'm travelling _____ train.

Meaning: Give the method of travel.

on by

I'm going _____ foot.

Meaning: Say you are walking.

on by

I'm _____ the bus now.

Meaning: Say you are aboard a particular bus.

in by

I'm _____ the car now.

Meaning: Say you are inside a particular car.

bottles bottle

Two _____ of milk, please.

Meaning: Ask for two containers of milk.

of at

Half a kilo _____ cheese, please.

Meaning: Name the substance in a measured amount.

G4) BUILD USEFUL SENTENCES

Put the words in order.

- 1 I'm travelling by train.

Meaning: Give the method of travel.

- 2 foot. I'm on going

Meaning: Say you are walking.

- 3 bus now. on the I'm

Meaning: Say you are aboard a particular bus.

- 4 in I'm the car now.

Meaning: Say you are inside a particular car.

- 5 of please. bottles milk, Two

Meaning: Ask for two containers of milk.

- 6 cheese, kilo a of please. Half

Meaning: Name the substance in a measured amount.

G5) WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

Choose the right words for the situation.

1 Give the method of travel. You say:

- ☐ A I'm travelling on train.
- ☐ B I'm travelling by train.

2 Say you are walking. You say:

- ☐ A I'm going by foot.
- ☐ B I'm going on foot.

3 Say you are aboard a particular bus. You say:

- (A) I'm on the bus now.
- (B) I'm by the bus now.

4 Say you are inside a particular car. You say:

- (A) I'm by the car now.
- (B) I'm in the car now.

G6) CONNECT MESSAGES AND MEANINGS

Match the pairs.

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| (1) I'm on the bus now. | (A) Say you are inside a particular car. |
| (2) Two bottles of milk, please. | (B) Name the substance in a measured amount. |
| (3) I'm going on foot. | (C) Say you are walking. |
| (4) Half a kilo of cheese, please. | (D) Say you are aboard a particular bus. |
| (5) I'm in the car now. | (E) Ask for two containers of milk. |

- ⑥ I'm travelling by train.
- ⑦ Give the method of travel.