TRAFFIC SAFETY

Taking the Bus

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Vocabulary

Directions: Read the information, and then fill in the blank with the correct word.

Arrive means to get to a place.

A bus stop is the place where you can get on or off the bus.

1. ______________________ at the bus stop early.

A bus fare is the amount of money you have to pay to use the bus.

2. You need to have the exact ______________________ ready to pay before you get on the bus.

A monthly pass is a ticket you can buy that lets you go on the bus for a month as many times as you want.

3. A ______________________ is easy to use, and it saves you money.

A day pass is a ticket you can buy to use the bus all day.

4. You can buy a ______________________ from the bus driver.

A ticket for older people and handicapped is a Senior and Disabled Pass.

5. If you are handicapped or over 55, you can buy a ______________________

To board the bus means to get on, or enter, the bus.

6. After the bus stops, ______________________ through the front doors.

To enjoy means to be happy with something.

7. Sit down and ______________________ your ride on the bus.
Some people have service animals. These animals guide people who need special help, if they can’t see or hear.

8. People can take ___________________________ on the bus.

Use earphones when you don’t want people to hear your music or radio.

9. If you take a radio on the bus, use ___________________.

People with disabilities can’t walk, or they have other physical limitations.

Disabled persons are people who have disabilities, or are handicapped.

10. ___________________________ may use all the buses.

People are senior citizens when they are 55 years old or older.

11. Leave the front seats on the bus open for disabled persons and ___________________________.

A signal cord is a wire above the windows in a bus that makes a sound.

Some buses have a chime instead of a cord. It is a large button to push between the windows, and it makes a sound.

12. When you want to get off the bus, you need to pull the ___________________________ to signal to the driver to stop.

To exit means to get out of the bus.

13. When the bus stops, ___________________________ through the back (rear) doors.
Vocabulary Practice

Directions: Write the correct letter in the space before the vocabulary word.

1. arrive
2. exit
3. senior citizens
4. enjoy
5. monthly pass
6. service animals
7. bus stop
8. disabled persons
9. board
10. fare
11. Senior & Disabled Pass
12. earphones
13. day pass
14. signal cord

A. animals that guide people who need special help
B. people who have physical limitations
C. to get on, or enter, the bus
D. the amount of money you have to pay to use the bus
E. the place where you can get on or off the bus
F. a wire above the windows in a bus
G. people who are 55 years old or older
H. to be happy with something
I. to get out of the bus
J. a ticket for older people and handicapped
K. a ticket you can buy to use the bus all day
L. a ticket that lets you go on the bus for a month
M. use these if you want to listen to CD’s on the bus
N. to get to a place
Taking the Bus is Easy

Directions: Read, and then answer the questions on the next two pages.

1. Arrive at the bus stop at least 10 minutes early.
2. Have the exact fare ready.
   a. You can put coins and dollar bills in the fare box. It will not give you change back.
   b. You may show your monthly pass or day pass.
      They are easy to use and they save you money, too.
   c. Show your ID if you use a Senior & Disabled Pass each time you enter a bus.
3. When the bus stops, board through the front doors.
4. Persons with disabilities may use all buses.
5. Sit down and enjoy the ride after you get on and pay the fare.
6. Help make bus travel nice for everyone:
   a. No smoking on the bus.
   b. No eating or drinking on the bus.
   c. Service animals are allowed on the bus with persons with disabilities.
      That person is responsible for the actions of the animal while on the bus.
   d. Earphones must be used with all radios, cassettes and compact disc players.
   e. Please let disabled persons and senior citizens use front seats.
7. Bus schedules can change. Watch for RIDERS' ALERTS (information about bus
detours and schedule changes that may affect your bus trip).
8. As the bus approaches your stop, ring the chime or pull the signal cord located near
the windows. This asks the driver to stop at the next bus stop.
9. Exit through the rear door. Hold onto the yellow tapes to be sure that the doors stay
open. Please hold the doors open for small children and let them exit first.
Questions about Taking the Bus

Directions: Choose the best answer for each question.
Circle the correct letter and write the letter on the line.

_____ 1. When do you need to arrive at the bus stop?
   a. when it comes
   b. at the scheduled time
   c. early
   d. 10 minutes early

_____ 2. What do you put in the fare box?
   a. monthly pass
   b. coins and dollar bills
   c. day pass
   d. ID

_____ 3. What does a senior citizen have to show the bus driver?
   a. day pass
   b. dollar bills
   c. ID
   d. monthly pass

_____ 4. When the bus stops, what do I do?
   a. get on through the front doors
   b. ask if you can get on
   c. wait for people to get off
   d. get on through the back doors

_____ 5. How many buses can people with disabilities use?
   a. none
   b. one
   c. three
   d. all
6. After you are on the bus, what do you do?
   a. sit down and enjoy the ride
   b. stand up
   c. nothing
   d. read

7. How can you help make bus travel nice for everyone?
   a. don’t smoke or eat
   b. use earphones for music
   c. let senior citizens sit in front
   d. all of the above

8. What can persons with disabilities do on the bus?
   a. smoke
   b. bring a service animal on the bus
   c. drink a soda
   d. eat

9. What is a Riders’ Alert?
   a. the bus schedule
   b. a new bus
   c. a detour
   d. information about a detour or schedule change

10. How do I get off the bus?
    a. watch for your stop
    b. pull the signal cord or push the button a little time before your stop
    c. get off through the back doors
    d. all of the above
# Community Activity

**Directions:** Ask two people the questions, and write their answers in the boxes.

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Internet Activity

Directions: Follow the steps below. Circle the correct letter, and fill in the blanks.

1. On the computer, go to the Internet.

2. Click on the address space one time, type www.octa.net and click on Go.

3. Go down the page and click on You’ve Got Passes.

4. Scroll down and answer the following questions.
   
   How much is a 30-day student pass? ______________________
   How much is a 30-day regular pass? ______________________

5. Click Back.

6. Click on Looking for a Bus Route.

7. Click on 2. Route Maps and Time Tables.

8. On the left, click on Routes 37-54.

   Find the Santa Ana – Costa Mesa route.

9. Click on the red Adobe PDF symbol 📄.

10. Print this map.
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CHECKLIST: Check ✓ each worksheet when you finish.

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I finished all the worksheets and activities.

_________________________________________
Student’s Signature

_________________________________________
Instructor’s Signature
ANSWER KEY

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Vocabulary Practice (page 4)
1. N
2. I
3. G
4. H
5. L
6. A
7. E
8. B
9. C
10. D
11. J
12. M
13. K
14. F

Questions about Taking the Bus (page 6-7)
1. d
2. b
3. c
4. a
5. d
6. a
7. k
8. b
9. d
10. d

Internet Activity (page 9)
Student Pass $25.00
Regular Pass $37.50