

DESCRIBE HOW PEOPLE GET AROUND

Every day, people go from one place to another. Some walk, others take the bus, ride a bike, or drive a car. In English, we can use very simple phrases to describe how we move around – to school, to work, to the park, or even on a trip. This kind of language helps us explain our routine, give directions, or understand how others travel in different places.

Being able to say “I go to school by bus” or “She walks to work” is useful not only in conversations but also when giving information, making plans, or asking questions about daily life.

Describing how people get from one place to another helps you talk about your daily life and understand others better. It’s also useful when asking for directions, explaining your routine, or comparing life in different places (for example, city vs. rural areas). It’s one of the most practical ways to use English in real life.

How Do People Get Around?

In English, when we talk about transportation, we often use this structure:

Subject + go/goes + to (place) + by (transport)

Example:

I go to school by bus.

She goes to work by car

They go to the park by bike

You can also use “on foot” if someone walks:

He goes to the store on foot.



If the place is not mentioned, the sentence is even shorter:

I go by train.

We usually say:

- by bus
- by car
- by airplane
- by truck
- by ship
- by motorcycle
- by train
- by taxi
- by bike
- on foot

TRANSPORTATION



bus



car



bicycle



train



airplane



truck



ship



motorcycle



taxi



tram



subway



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And when we ask:

How do you go to school?

How does he get to work?

Do you go by bike or walk?

Note on Verbs: “go” vs. “take”

We use “go” for general movement:

I go to school by bus.

We use “take” for specific actions:

I take the bus at 7:30.

Both are correct, but “go by...” is more common in simple speech.

Real Conversation Example

Luna: How do you go to work?

Miguel: I go by subway. It’s fast.

Luna: I walk. It’s only 10 minutes.

Miguel: That’s nice! I like walking too.



In this short dialogue, both speakers describe their daily transportation clearly and naturally. You can do the same using just a few words.

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