



Extensive reading: Transport

1 Look at the pictures. What are the men doing?



Around the World in Eighty Days

Phileas Fogg and his assistant, Passepartout, arrived at the station in Bombay just in time to catch the train to Calcutta. The train was quite busy. Fogg and Passepartout sat in a carriage with another man. The man's name was Sir Francis Cromarty. He was English, but he lived in India. He told Fogg many things about the customs, history and people of India as they travelled. Fogg told Sir Francis about his plan to travel around the world in eighty days. "What a strange way to travel," thought Sir Francis. "How can you learn about the world when you race around it in eighty days?"

After an hour, the train was outside the city and the men saw fields, villages, farms, forests, mountains and jungles from the train window. Passepartout felt nervous. He wanted Fogg to complete his journey in eighty days, but there was still a long way to go. Passepartout worried every time the train stopped, or moved slowly. But Fogg was very calm. He didn't worry at all.

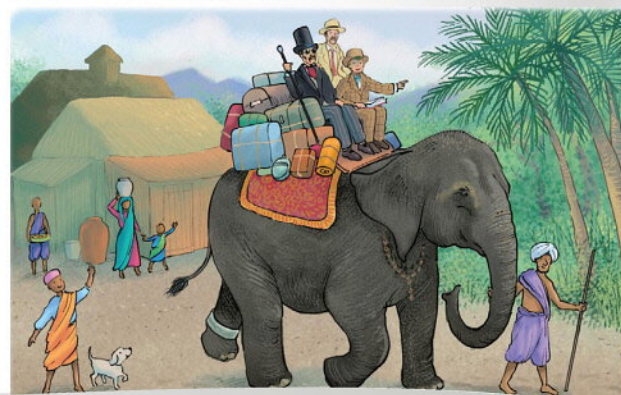
At eight o'clock the next morning, the train stopped in a small village. The conductor walked along the train and called to the passengers. "No more railway! This is the end of the journey!"

"Where are we?" asked Sir Francis. "Kholby," answered the conductor. "We stop here." "But we have tickets to Calcutta," said Sir Francis. "The railway isn't finished," said the conductor. "It doesn't go all the way to Calcutta yet."

"Our boat leaves Calcutta in three days," said Fogg. "We must find a way to get there."

Fogg, Sir Francis and Passepartout went to look for some transport. Fogg and Sir Francis were not lucky, but Passepartout found something.

"Look, Mr Fogg!" he said. "It's an elephant! We can ride to Calcutta on an elephant!"



2 Listen and read. 118

3 Tick (✓) or cross (X).

1 Sir Francis was Indian.

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2 Passepartout was nervous on the train.

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3 The railway wasn't finished.

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4 Fogg found the elephant.

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4 Look at the pictures. What forms of transport can you see?

School Transport

Children around the world use lots of different forms of transport to go to school: bus, train, and even helicopter! How do you go to school?

My name is Diego. I'm eight years old. I live in a small village in Peru. My village is in the Amazon rainforest. There aren't many roads in the rainforest, so there aren't many cars or buses. Everyone travels by canoe. I go to school by canoe. Every day a big canoe collects all the children from the villages along the river and takes them to school. There are usually about forty children in the canoe when it reaches the school. Every morning, I wait near the river for the canoe with my little brother and sister. When the canoe arrives at my village, I help my brother and sister to get into the canoe. It takes about half an hour to get to school. I do my homework on the way to school and I talk to my friends on the way home!

I'm Haruka and I'm nine. I'm from Tokyo in Japan. Tokyo is a huge city. My school is a long way from my house, so I travel to school by train every day. Trains are very popular in Japan. Millions of people use trains to get to work and school. The trains in Japan are clean and fast, but they are usually very crowded. I leave home at half past seven every day. I walk to the train station with my brother. We take two trains to Tama Station. The journey takes about one hour. It's a long time, but some of my friends travel for two hours to get to school! I like my journey to school because I can talk to my brother on the way.

5 Listen and read. 119 6 Write *T* (true) or *F* (false).

- 1 Diego goes to school by car. _____
- 2 There aren't many buses in the Amazon rainforest. _____
- 3 Haruka lives in the rainforest. _____
- 4 Haruka travels for two hours to get to school. _____

7 Ask and answer.

- 1 How do you go to school? _____
- 2 What's your favourite way to travel? _____