

CAN DO OBJECTIVES


- Talk about past journeys
- Talk about what you like and dislike about transport
- Say excuse me and sorry
- Write an email about yourself

UNIT 7


Journeys



GETTING STARTED

a  Look at the picture and answer the questions.

- 1 This man is on a journey. What country do you think he's in? Why?
- 2 What do you think the man and women talk about?
 - directions
 - the weather
 - personal information
 - shopping
 - their families
 - something else
- 3 Think of their questions and answers.

b  In pairs, ask and answer the questions.

- 1 Where would you like to travel to?
- 2 Would you like to travel by ...?
 - car
 - boat
 - plane
 - something else
- 3 What would you like to see and do there?

Look at the picture and answer these questions (Don't read the answer!!):

1. What country do you think he is? Why?

2. What do you think the man and women talk about?

3. Where would you like to travel to?

4. What would you like to see and do there?

ANSWER 

 **CULTURE NOTES**

This picture was taken in Sa Pa in northwest Vietnam. The women wear clothes typical of the Hmong people, an Asian ethnic group who have been living in the mountain areas of Vietnam, China, Laos and Thailand for over 2,000 years. They have largely managed to keep their language, culture and customs, and traditionally wear brightly embroidered clothes. However, as can be seen from the green and white striped top of the woman on the right in the picture, due to the influence of the west, they often now combine their traditional patterned clothing with modern, ready-to-wear clothes.

7A We didn't plan our trip

Learn to talk about past journeys

- G Past simple: negative and questions
- V Transport



THE SILK ROAD

More than 2,000 years ago, China began looking for new places in Europe to sell products such as silk. Different routes opened and these routes were called the 'Silk Road'. It was a difficult journey and could take six months on foot. Today, companies such as Hewlett Packard use the 'New Silk Road' to transport laptops between China and Germany by train – and it only takes 13 days! The Old Silk Road is also very popular now with tourists – more than 50 million tourists visit Xi'an, the city at the start of the Old Silk Road, every year.

1 READING

a Look at maps 1–3. Which journey would you like to go on? Why?

b Read *The Silk Road* and answer the questions.

- 1 Which journey in 1a does it describe?
- 2 Was it always a tourist route?

c Read *Travelblog* and match the texts with pictures a and b.

d Read the blogs again. Who do you think said each sentence after their trip, Murat (M) or Ingrid (I)?

- 1 I saw some unusual sports on my trip.
- 2 We made sure our bags were light.
- 3 Sometimes we didn't want to get on our bikes.
- 4 The places we stayed in were usually two-star.
- 5 I needed to show my passport a lot.
- 6 We loved seeing where people lived.

e Whose trip do you think was better? Why?



It really was a great trip and I can remember so many amazing things that we did. For example, when we were in Kyrgyzstan, we saw some very exciting competitions with horses. We didn't understand them, but it was a lot of fun! We didn't normally travel much more than 300 kilometres a day – and sometimes less – but one day we travelled 500! I slept well that night! We stayed in hotels, but we didn't use luxury hotels because they were too expensive. There was only one thing we didn't like – going from one country to another. The border police checked everything again and again and it took a long time – six hours one day!

MY DREAM JOURNEY ON THE SILK ROAD INGRID LEDENROTH

This was my dream holiday!! It wasn't a fast way to travel, but there was a lot to see and a lot of time to think! Before we left, we packed our bags very carefully because we didn't want to take anything that we didn't need (too heavy!). Some days we travelled about 80 kilometres, but other days – when we were tired – we didn't go very far at all. And sometimes, when we were very tired, we didn't want to cycle and we got lifts on trucks. We didn't plan our trip very carefully, and we often changed our plans. We slept in tents next to the road and watched the stars for hours. The best thing about travelling this way is that you can meet the people who live there. They were interested in us and wanted to find out about our trip. We even saw inside a traditional home – a yurt – and had dinner with the family!

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The most important activities to do on this page are:

- Read *The Silk Road* and *Travelblog*
- Do Ex 1d: Complete with the correct name (Murat or Ingrid)

Answer: Whose trip do you think was better? Why?

2 VOCABULARY Transport

a Match the words in the box with pictures 1–8.

aeroplane (plane) scooter tram ship
helicopter coach ferry train

b Which kinds of transport:

- do people often use to go on holiday?
- do people normally use to get to work or school?
- are unusual for people to use in your country?
- do you normally use?

Answer: What kind of transport do you frequently use?

ANSWERS

Ex 1d

1 MARAT

2 INGRID

3 INGRID

4 MARAT

5 MARAT

6 INGRID

Transport

1 ship 2 train 3 coach 4 aeroplane (plane) 5 tram 6 ferry

7 helicopter 8 scooter