

Read the following list of vocabulary.

towards - Moving in the direction of something or someone.

Example sentence: She is walking towards the school.

Translation: w kierunku

across - From one side to the other.

Example sentence: He swam across the river.

Translation: przez

rush hour - The time when many people are traveling to or from work or school, and the roads are busy.

Example sentence: It's hard to find a taxi during rush hour.

Translation: godziny szczytu

traffic jam - A long line of cars that are not moving or moving very slowly.

Example sentence: We were late because there was a huge traffic jam on the highway.

Translation: korek uliczny

holidays - A time when people take a break from work or school to relax or travel.

Example sentence: We always go to the beach during the summer holidays.

Translation: wakacje

journey - Traveling from one place to another, usually over a long distance.

Example sentence: The train journey to the city took three hours.

Translation: podróż

underground - A train system that travels below the ground

Example sentence: I use the underground to get to work every day.

Translation: metro

Exercise 1: Fill in the blanks

Complete the sentences using the correct word from the list:
towards, across, rush hour, traffic jam, holidays, journey,
underground.

1. We are driving _____ the mountains to reach our campsite.
2. He ran _____ the bridge to get to the other side.
3. It's hard to drive during _____ because there are so many cars on
the road.
4. We were stuck in a _____ for two hours because of an accident on
the highway.
5. My family loves to take long _____ to new countries during the
summer.
6. She spends her _____ relaxing at the beach and reading books.
7. The quickest way to get to the city center is by taking the _____.

Exercise 2: Write a short paragraph using at least 4 of these words.

Listen to the podcast

Exercise 3: Answer the questions

1. What is the main topic of the podcast?
2. How does Neil travel to work?
3. Why does Georgie prefer to walk to work instead of using the underground?
4. What is a traffic jam, according to Neil?
5. What are the words discussed at the end of the podcast, and what do they mean?

Exercise 4: discuss the questions with a friend

1. Do you prefer walking, taking public transport, or driving to work or school? Why?
2. How do you deal with delays like traffic jams or crowded trains in your daily travel?
3. What would your ideal journey to work or school look like?

Answers

Exercise 1

1. We are driving towards the mountains to reach our campsite.
2. He ran across the bridge to get to the other side.
3. It's hard to drive during rush hour because there are so many cars on the road.
4. We were stuck in a traffic jam for two hours because of an accident on the highway.
5. My family loves to take long journeys to new countries during the summer.
6. She spends her holidays relaxing at the beach and reading books.
7. The quickest way to get to the city center is by taking the underground.

Answers

Exercise 3

What is the main topic of the podcast?

The main topic is everyday travel and comparing journeys to work.

How does Neil travel to work?

Neil takes a bus to a tube stop, rides the underground (tube), and then walks to the BBC.

Why does Georgie prefer to walk to work instead of using the underground?

Georgie prefers walking because she doesn't like how crowded the underground is and enjoys getting fresh air.

What is a traffic jam, according to Neil?

A traffic jam happens when there are too many cars and buses on the road, making traffic move very slowly or stop completely.

What are the words discussed at the end of the podcast, and what do they mean?

Towards: Travelling in the direction of something.

Across: Travelling from one side to the other.

Rush hour: A time when many people are traveling, usually for work or school.

Traffic jam: A big delay while driving due to too many vehicles on the road.