

# IELTS ENGLISH PODCAST. TRANSPORT. TRANSCRIPT

## Part 1. What's The Most Popular Means Of Transportation In Your Hometown?

Well, I live in Seoul and I don't know what the most popular form of transportation is, but I see a lot of people take buses and a lot of people take the subway and because taxis are cheap and convenient, I think a lot of people do take taxis, which is quite different to England, where I come from. But for me, mostly I take the subway.

## Part 1. Is Driving To Work Popular In Your Country?

I think using the car to commute is pretty common. A lot of people don't actually like public transportation, even though it's so wonderful here. They like the privacy of their car and they like to listen to music in there. So yeah, I think it's quite common to drive to work.

## Part 2. Describe A Method Of Transport That You Enjoy Using.

I'd like to tell you about the subway in Korea, in Seoul, Korea. When I first came to Korea, I started taking the subway and it was really comfortable, cheap, easy to get from A to B. So there were a lot of positives.

However, I did actually suffer from motion sickness. So every time I took the subway, I remember the movement of the subway made me feel quite nauseous, but, you know, after some time, I started to get used to it and I did prefer it to taking the bus because on the bus, it's particularly bumpy and you often have to stand up.

So let me tell you a little more about the Seoul subway system. It's an incredible network of, I don't know, 25 lines, something like that. There's a huge number of lines that go all over the city. It's very modern. It's clean, it's convenient. It's easy to use. That's the most important thing, even if you're a foreigner like me and you don't even need to speak Korean. You know, it's very well signposted in English. So there's so many positives about the subway system.

To be honest, I can't even think of a negative point and it only gets better every year. Every year they are adding to the lines, making new lines or extending current lines. And where I live, they will be extending it quite a number of stations, which I'm very excited for.

For me personally, it's a great way to get around because as I said, it's cheap, which really makes it much better than driving and taking a taxi. It just seems to be the cheapest way to get around the city in the future.

## **VOCABULARY**

**bumpy (adjective)** - Something that has lots of small hills or uneven parts, making it shake when you move.

**commute (verb)** - To travel from home to work or school and back.

**current (adjective)** - Happening or existing right now.

**extend (verb)** - To make something longer or bigger.

**incredible (adjective)** - Amazing or hard to believe because it is so good or unusual.

**motion sickness (noun)** - Feeling sick in your stomach when a vehicle moves too much.

**nauseous (adjective)** - Feeling like you might throw up.

**network (noun)** - A group of things or people that are connected together.