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Level 2 – 4th May 2023

Germany issues cheap public transport ticket

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Public transport is important in our lives. We use it to go to work, visit friends, go sightseeing and go about our daily business. In many countries, trains, buses and subways are expensive. Germany has launched a scheme to make getting around easier. Transport companies have created the Germany Ticket. This allows people to use local and regional transportation across the country for just 49 euros (\$54) a month. The ticket is valid for all public transport in Germany except long-distance intercity trains. More than three million tickets sold on the day of the launch.

The new Germany Ticket will be good for the environment. People will leave their cars at home and use environmentally-friendly trains and buses. Germany's Chancellor welcomed the new ticket. He said "this easy and cheap offer will make public transit more attractive and help us to achieve our climate goals". Germany aims to be carbon neutral by 2050. A transportation analyst said: "We need a scheme that puts rail before road and get passengers onto trains and buses". Other countries in Europe may also start a similar ticket.

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Public transport is important | a. a scheme |
| 2. We use it go | b. business |
| 3. go about our daily | c. intercity trains |
| 4. subways are | d. transportation |
| 5. Germany has launched | e. in our lives |
| 6. use local and regional | f. expensive |
| 7. The ticket is | g. to work |
| 8. except long-distance | h. valid |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. be good for the | a. neutral by 2050 |
| 2. People will leave their | b. trains |
| 3. use environmentally-friendly | c. ticket |
| 4. help us to achieve | d. environment |
| 5. Germany aims to be carbon | e. onto trains |
| 6. We need a scheme that puts rail | f. cars at home |
| 7. get passengers | g. our climate goals |
| 8. start a similar | h. before road |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Public transport is important (1) _____. We use it to go to work, visit friends, go sightseeing and (2) _____ daily business. In many countries, trains, buses and subways are expensive. Germany (3) _____ scheme to make getting around easier. Transport companies have created the Germany Ticket. This allows people to use (4) _____ transportation across the country for just 49 euros (\$54) a month. The ticket (5) _____ all public transport in Germany except long-distance intercity trains. More than three million tickets sold on the (6) _____ launch.

The new Germany Ticket will (7) _____ the environment. People will leave their cars at home and use environmentally-(8) _____ buses. Germany's Chancellor welcomed the new ticket. He said "this (9) _____ offer will make public transit more attractive and help us to achieve (10) _____". Germany aims to be (11) _____ 2050. A transportation analyst said: "We need a scheme that puts rail before road and get passengers onto trains and buses". Other countries in Europe may also (12) _____ ticket.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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TRANSPORTATION SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about transportation in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.

When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

WRITING

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Write about **transportation** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner’s paper.
