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SPEAKING & VOCABULARY: verb collocations (travel)

- 1 Work in pairs. Think about transport in your town and discuss these questions.
 - What's the quickest way of travelling round your town?
 - What's the most popular form of transport for people going to work?
 - What's the best way for a tourist to travel round your city to see the sights?
- 2 Choose the correct verbs to complete the information from a tourist guide about Edinburgh.



Getting here

By air

From the airport, you can (1) *catch / get out of* the Airport Express (No. 100) bus, which (2) *runs / takes* 25 minutes to the city centre. Alternatively, you can (3) *miss / take* a taxi. The advantage of this is that the taxi driver can (4) *drop / arrive* you wherever you like, but of course it is more expensive than public transport.

By rail

If you (5) *arrive / catch* by train, (6) *drop / get off* at Waverley Station, which is right in the city centre. From there, you can (7) *walk / get on* to most of the major sights.

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A good way to get to know the city is with a city bus tour. You can buy special tickets for the double-decker buses which allow you to (8) *get in / get on* and off when and where you want. In the evenings, the buses (9) *run / take* late, but if you (10) *get out of / miss* the last one, you can always take a taxi.

- 3 Work in pairs. Change the information in exercise 2 so that it is true for a city you both know well.

From the airport you can take the metro into the city centre. It takes 40 minutes.

LISTENING

- 1 1.13–1.15 Listen to three conversations and match them to the pictures A–C.



- 2 1.13–1.15 Listen again and say if the sentences are true (T) or false (F).

- 1 Avril and Linda both buy return tickets.
- 2 Avril uses the bus regularly.
- 3 Dave and Derek are getting a taxi home.
- 4 Dave and Derek think Camilla has a good sense of humour.
- 5 Camilla misses the last train home.
- 6 Camilla gets a taxi from outside the station.

FUNCTIONAL LANGUAGE: travel

1 Match the phrases 1–8 to the pictures A–C in Listening exercise 1.

- 1 Can I get a *taxi* anywhere *round here*?
- 2 Could you tell me the time of the next *train* to *North Park*?
- 3 Has the *11.40* for *North Park* left yet?
- 4 Could you tell us when we get to the *bridge*, please?
- 5 Does this *bus* go to the *town centre*?
- 6 Have you got change for a *ten-pound note*?
- 7 I'd like a cab for the *Pizzeria Roma*, please.
- 8 A *single* to the *town centre*, please.

2 Match the responses a–h to the phrases 1–8 in exercise 1.

- a That'll be one twenty, please.
- b Certainly, sir. We'll send one right away.
- c Yeah, we go there.
- d No, sorry love, exact change only.
- e I'll let you know.
- f Not if you hurry, it's still at the platform.
- g Yes, madam. There's a taxi rank at the station.
- h The next one's tomorrow morning, madam. I'm afraid that's it for tonight.

3 Replace the words in italics in exercise 1 with alternative words and phrases.

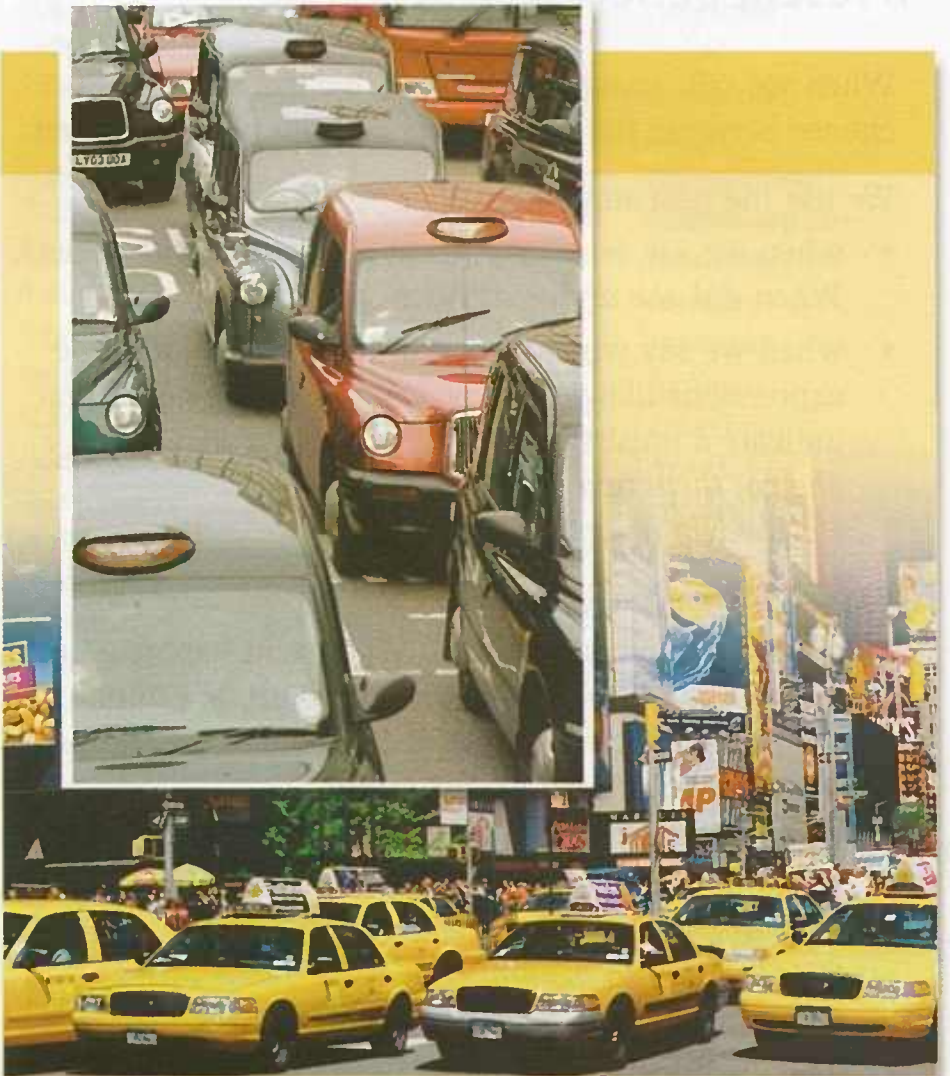
1 *Can I get a bus anywhere near the airport?*

4 Work in pairs. Prepare then practise short dialogues for the following situations.

- You are in a city centre. Ask a passerby for the nearest taxi rank.
- You are at home. Phone for a cab to take you to the station tomorrow morning.
- You are a stranger in the town. You are getting on a bus. Ask the driver for tickets to the town centre.
- You are getting off the bus. Ask the driver when the last bus leaves to get home.
- You are on a train. Ask if you can sit in an empty seat.

DID YOU KNOW?

1 Work in pairs. Read the information about taxis in New York and London. Then discuss these questions.



- ❶ There are 12,053 yellow cabs in New York City.
- ❷ There are 18,500 black cabs in London.
- ❸ Yellow cabs are the only taxis that can pick up passengers on the streets of New York.
- ❹ Black cabs are the only taxis that can pick up passengers on the streets of London.
- ❺ You have to pass an English language test to become a yellow cab driver.
- ❻ You have to pass a test called 'The Knowledge' to become a black cab driver. It usually takes four years to pass the test.
- ❼ Robert de Niro was nominated for an Oscar for his role as a New York taxi driver.
- ❽ Not all black cabs are black!

- Are taxis expensive in your town?
- Are they easy to find?
- Do they operate 24 hours a day?
- How often do you take a taxi?
- When was the last time you caught a taxi? Where were you going?
- Do you usually chat to the driver?