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Level 0 – 4th May 2023

Germany issues cheap public transport ticket

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Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Public transport is important for work and for visiting people. It can be expensive. Transport companies in Germany are selling a new ticket. It lets people use local and regional transportation for 49 euros a month. People cannot use it for long-distance intercity trains.

The new ticket is better for the environment. People will use trains and buses more. Germany's Chancellor said the ticket was cheap. He said it would help Germany hit climate targets. Germany wants to be carbon neutral by 2050. Other countries may create a similar ticket.

Sources: <https://apnews.com/article/germany-public-transit-cheap-ticket-trains-metro-3d83f1a35ab8e3945b8034b9bd511c29>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Public transport is | a. ticket |
| 2. for work and for visiting | b. use it |
| 3. It can be | c. transportation |
| 4. selling a new | d. important |
| 5. local and regional | e. intercity trains |
| 6. 49 euros | f. expensive |
| 7. People cannot | g. a month |
| 8. long-distance | h. people |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. better for the | a. neutral |
| 2. People will use trains | b. cheap |
| 3. Germany's | c. similar ticket |
| 4. the ticket was | d. Chancellor |
| 5. help Germany hit climate | e. countries |
| 6. Germany wants to be carbon | f. targets |
| 7. Other | g. environment |
| 8. create a | h. and buses more |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Public transport (1) _____ work and for visiting people. (2) _____ expensive. Transport companies in Germany (3) _____ new ticket. It (4) _____ local and regional transportation for 49 (5) _____. People cannot use it for long- (6) _____.

The new ticket (7) _____ the environment. People will use trains (8) _____. Germany's Chancellor said the (9) _____. He said it would help Germany (10) _____. Germany wants to (11) _____ by 2050. Other countries may create (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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Publictransportisimportantforworkandforvisitingpeople.Itcanbeexpensive.TransportcompaniesinGermanyaresellinganewticket.Itletspeopleuselocalandregionaltransportationfor49eurosamonth.Peoplecannotuseitforlong-distanceintercitytrains.Thenewticketisbetterfortheenvironment.Peoplewillusetrainsandbusesmore.Germany'sChancelloraidtheticketwascheap.HesaiditwouldhelpGermanyhitclimate targets.Germanywantstobecarbonneutralby2050.Othercountries maycreateasimilarticket.

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) _____

