
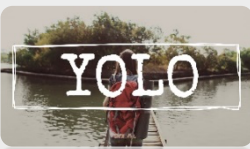


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Train and Bus

The aim of this lesson is to make the students use the key vocabulary and target expressions in a more natural manner.

Language Point

<p>I prefer not to drive.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - I'd rather not drive. - I don't want to drive. - I don't really like to drive. 	
<p>The trains run on time</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The trains are punctual - The trains are on schedule - The trains run as scheduled 	
<p>You only live once.</p>		

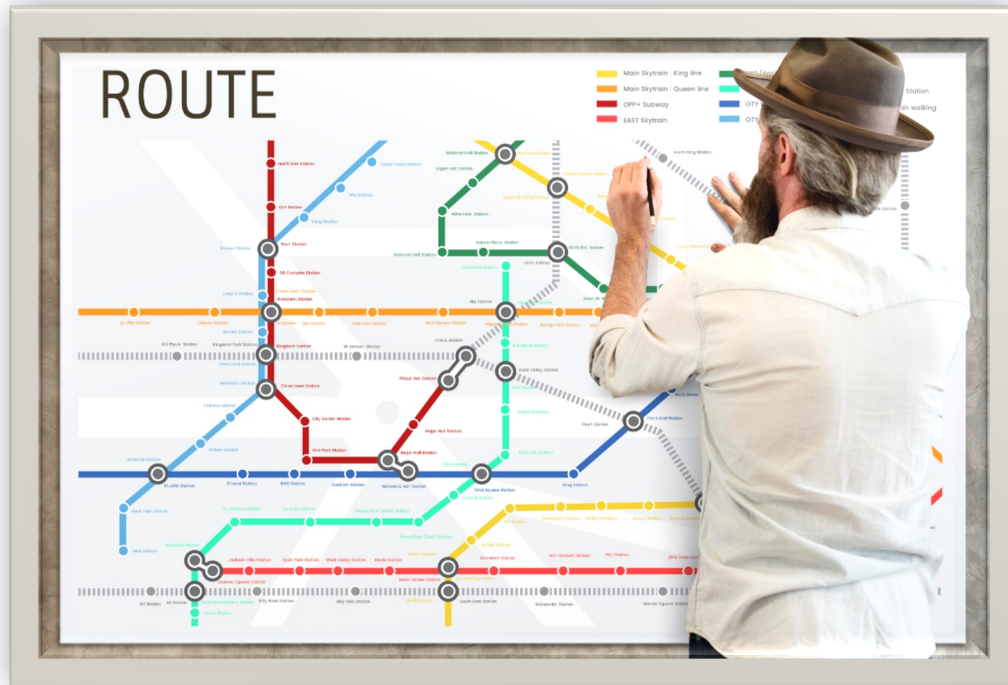
Key vocabulary

cross-country	get around	Amtrak	scenic
Rail-Pass	extensive	doable	travel across

Part 1

I. INTRODUCTION

Transportation is one factor that can bring about an enjoyable and delightful **travel experience**. A relaxing train or bus ride can definitely heighten a traveler's excitement along the way. Thus, **travel routes** must be **well-thought-out** beforehand or else the journey can be **nerve-racking** if things don't go as planned.



II. PRESENTATION

A. Expressions

	Questions:
I prefer not to drive.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ If life is like a car or a bus ride, would you rather take control of the steering wheel or let others maneuver it?
You only live once.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Have you ever boarded a bus or train without a clear destination in mind? How did it go?

B. Dialogue

Practice the dialogue with your teacher.

Keiko: Hey Albert, I'm thinking of going cross-country in the U.S.A. next summer. What's the best way to get around? I prefer not to drive.

Albert: That'll be fun. You have a few options. Taking the Amtrak train will be the most relaxing and scenic. You can buy a Rail-Pass if you're making many stops. The trains run on time, are clean and very convenient. Similar to the Shinkansen.

Keiko: Oh really? Are they as fast as the bullet train?

Albert: Not quite as fast, but it stops in 500 destinations across 46 states.

Keiko: That's a lot of distance to cover and sounds super convenient.

Albert: It is. They also have free Wi-Fi on the train and offer food and drinks too.

Keiko: What about the bus? Is that a good option?

Albert: The Greyhound bus line is the most extensive provider. It's doable, but it'll take a lot longer and you're looking at the highway most of the time, so it's not very pretty. I recommend the train. It's more expensive but worth it.

Keiko: I agree. You only live once. By the way, have you traveled across Japan using the Shinkansen?

Albert: Not yet, but I will someday. I have time though, because I plan on living twice.

Q & A!



- What mode of transportation is preferred by people when travelling long distance in your country?
- How can transportation affect the environment?
- In your opinion, what kind of cars will be popular 20 years from now?

Part 2

III. PRACTICE

Use the newly learned vocabulary and expressions in the following practice exercises.

A. Going Places

Directions: Choose one picture and answer the hidden question that comes with it.



Talk about ...



Explain why ...

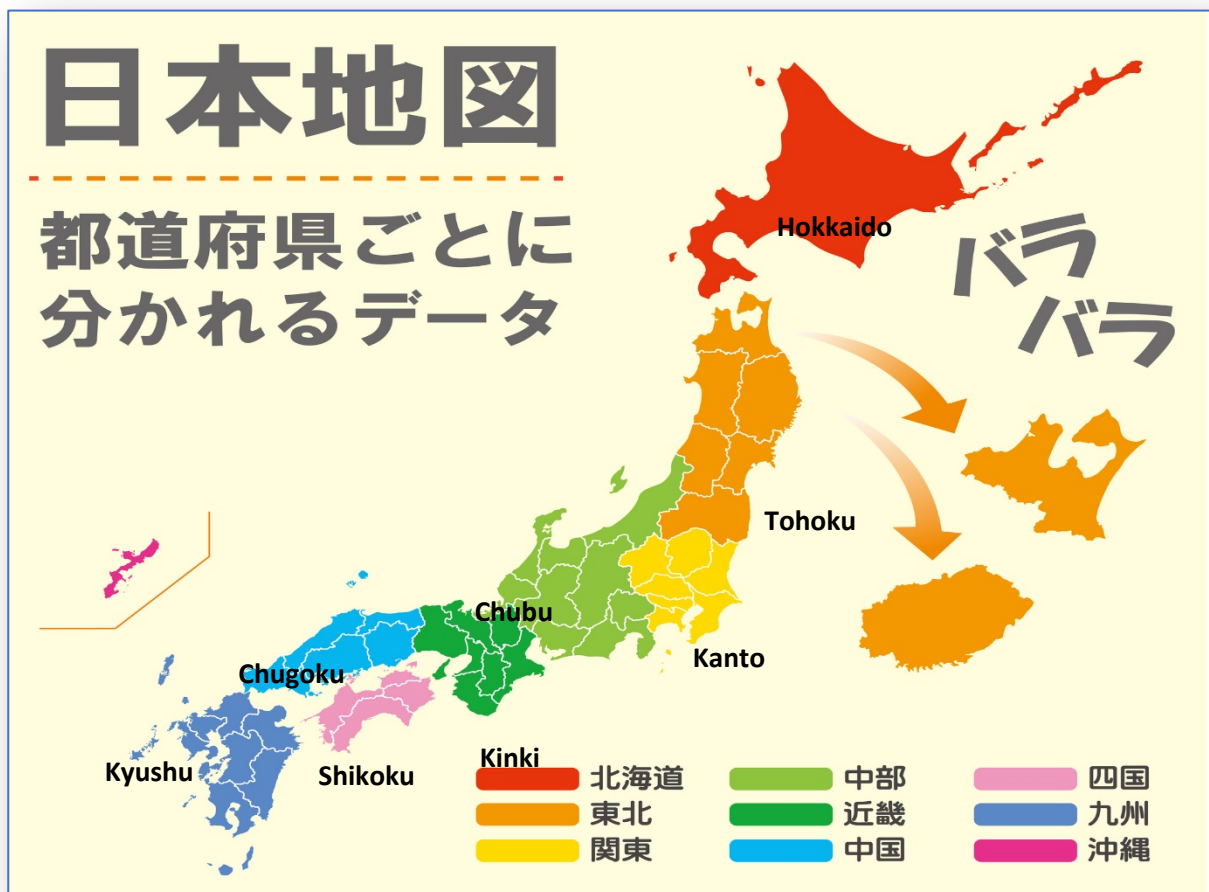


Discuss how ...

B. Let's Talk!

Directions: You want to experience more YOLO moments so you have decided to go backpacking across Japan. Plan out your route and choose a budget-friendly transportation option so you can sustain yourself throughout the trip.

You can start by saying, "I will go to _____ by _____."



C. Role-Play

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Your American friends are planning to travel from Tokyo to Hokkaido. Recommend some places they can visit and provide details for the train and bus routes.

Use the vocabulary and expressions you have learned.