

# Travel Debate

**What are the issues?**

## **Learning Objectives:**

- **In this lesson, we will achieve a better understanding of what sustainable transport is, and why we should choose to travel sustainably**
- **We will also try to make decisions about what we can do in our school to encourage more pupils to walk or cycle to and from school**

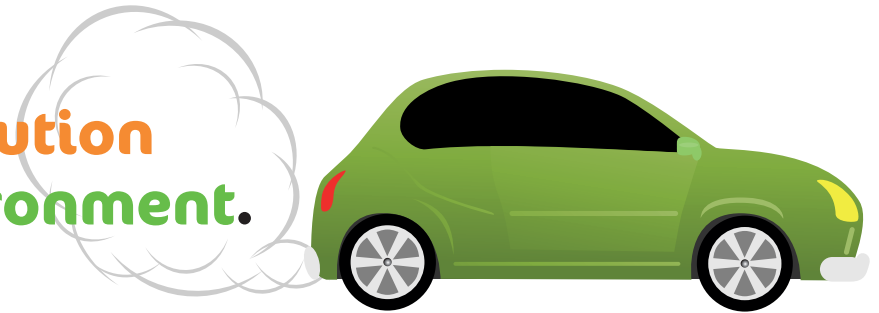
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- The Government is encouraging everyone to use **sustainable transport** whenever possible rather than cars.
- Sustainable transport means **walking, cycling or public transport (e.g. buses or trains)**.



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Scientists are worried that the **pollution** caused by cars is harming our **environment**.



Doctors want us to **walk and cycle** more to help keep us **fit and healthy**.

Even **buses** cut down on **pollution**, as they can carry up to 70 people, yet emit only half of the **CO<sub>2</sub>** of a car.



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- A lot of **primary school children** who come to school by car live close enough to walk or cycle.
- About **20%** of the cars on the road just before **9am** are on **school journeys**. That's lots of extra cars adding to the **congestion** and causing **pollution!**

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Parents at some schools run **'walking buses'** where children walk to school in groups with adults who volunteer to help.

Some have **'cycle trains'** where small groups cycle together with adult volunteers.



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Some schools have a **'park & walk'** place (like a supermarket or church car park) where parents leave their cars so that children can walk the rest of the way to school from there.



**Discussion statement:**

**Would it be better if more  
pupils walked or cycled to  
our school?**





**Discussion rules:**

**Speak one at a time.**

**Listen to everyone's point  
of view.**

**Be positive.**

**Don't criticise.**

