



# **Taking the Shuttle Bus**

**Warm Up**

1. What is a shuttle bus?
2. Where do shuttle buses usually take people?
3. Have you ever taken a shuttle bus?
4. Are shuttle buses always free?
5. What is a round-trip ticket?

**VOCABULARY CHECK - Matching**

**Match the words or short phrases in the left column with the words or short phrases in the right column that are synonymous or similar in meaning.**

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|--------------------------------|---|
| 1. ground transportation _____ | A. last   |
| 2. shuttle _____               | B. going somewhere permanently, not coming back                           |
| 3. curb _____                  | C. place that holds large items   |
| 4. stop _____                  | D. vehicle that goes back and forth over a regular and fairly short route |
| 5. one way _____               | E. a raised edge next to the street                                       |
| 6. round trip _____            | F. leave, get off   |
| 7. fare _____                  | G. cars, taxis, buses, shuttles   |
| 8. rack _____                  | H. money paid for transportation  |
| 9. final _____                 | I. an assigned place where buses or shuttles let people off               |
| 10. disembark _____            | J. going somewhere temporarily, returning to the same place               |

**DIALOGUE - Taking the Shuttle Bus**

**Mr. Jones:** Ah, there, I see the sign for ground transportation.

**Mrs. Jones:** Do you think that is where we catch the hotel shuttle?

**Mr. Jones:** Yes, but let's ask.

(Mr. and Mrs. Jones walk outside. A shuttle pulls up to the curb and the door opens).

**Mr. Jones:** (to shuttle driver) Is this the bus that will take us to the English Savoy Hotel in midtown?

*Driver:* I have a stop on the corner of Fifth and Main; the Savoy is right there.

**Mrs. Jones:** Is this a free shuttle?

*Driver:* No ma'am. It's \$7.50 one way. Do you have to come back to the airport?

**Mr. Jones:** Yes, we do. We fly back to Denver on Sunday.

*Driver:* Then I'd buy the round-trip shuttle fare. It's \$10.00 round trip. It'll save you \$5.00 a person.

**Mrs. Jones:** So, then, it'll cost \$20 dollars for both of us to ride to the hotel and back to the airport.

*Driver:* Yes, \$20 total.

**Mr. Jones:** Great. Where do we buy the tickets?

*Driver:* You can buy them on the bus. Climb in and put your suitcases in the luggage rack directly behind my driver's seat.

**Mrs. Jones:** How will we know which stop is ours?

*Driver:* The shuttle covers many hotels in the midtown area and I'll make three stops.

**Mr. Jones:** Is the Fifth and Main stop the first, second, or third stop?

*Driver:* It's the last stop. The speaker will make an announcement that says it's the final stop and all passengers need to disembark.

**Mrs. Jones:** Sounds good. We'll listen carefully.

*Driver:* Thanks for choosing Hotel Shuttle Express. I hope you enjoy the ride.


**VOCABULARY CHECK - Fill in the Blank**

Choose the best word to fill in each blank found in the story. Some words may be used more than one time. Use all the words from the matching exercise plus some others from the dialogue.

<i>ground transportation</i>	<i>stop</i>	<i>round-trip</i>	<i>round trip</i>	<i>one-way</i>
<i>shuttle</i>	<i>curb</i>	<i>free</i>	<i>fare</i>	<i>rack</i>
<i>final</i>	<i>midtown</i>	<i>listen</i>	<i>tickets</i>	<i>disembark</i>

Joe and Bob are studying English at the university in Madrid. Their teacher asks them to research some books in the city library which is located in \_\_\_\_\_. They don't have cars so they must find some other type of \_\_\_\_\_. Taxis are expensive, so they ask a friend how he gets to the library. He tells them about the college \_\_\_\_\_ that makes a \_\_\_\_\_ and travels back and forth to the library and museum from the university. Joe and Bob stand near the \_\_\_\_\_ to wait for the \_\_\_\_\_. They want to buy a \_\_\_\_\_ since they need to come back to the university. The driver tells them the shuttle is \_\_\_\_\_ and it doesn't matter if they are making a \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_. When they board the shuttle, they see a \_\_\_\_\_ behind the driver so they put their backpacks there. They can sit for a while since their friend told them the library is almost the \_\_\_\_\_ stop and they don't have to \_\_\_\_\_ until then. He did tell them to \_\_\_\_\_ carefully to the announcements because it isn't the last \_\_\_\_\_ and they don't want to miss it. Joe and Bob don't mind the ride taking a little time. They're just happy they don't need to buy \_\_\_\_\_.

**DIALOGUE COMPREHENSION**

Read the 'Taking the Shuttle Bus' dialogue with your class or in pairs, then answer these comprehension questions.

**By the numbers:**

1. How many people are traveling by shuttle?
2. Where is the hotel located?
3. How much is a one-way ticket?
4. How much is the round-trip fare?
5. How much is the fare for two travelers?
6. How many stops does the shuttle make?
7. Which stop do the passengers want?

**The 5 Ws:**

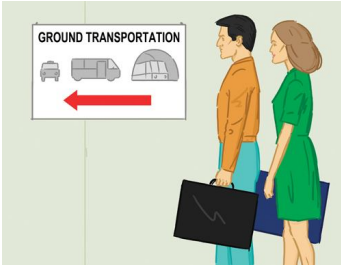
1. Who is traveling?
2. Where are they going?
3. What type of transportation are they going to take?
4. When are they returning to the airport?
5. Why is a round-trip ticket better?



**CONVERSATION STARTER**

**With a partner, look at the pictures below and decide what the people are saying.**

Looking for a shuttle bus



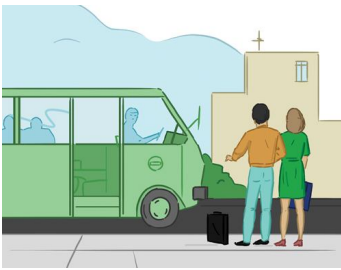

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Inquiring about destination




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Purchasing tickets




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Storing luggage




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Driver discussing bus fees




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**CONVERSATION STARTER - Continued**



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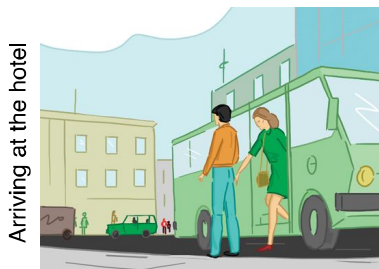
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**DIALOGUE BUILDING**

Fill in the blanks using the vocabulary from the dialogue. Then cut the sentences and put them in the correct order to form a dialogue.

\_\_\_ A. The \_\_\_\_\_ covers many hotels in the midtown area and I'll make three \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_ B. Is this a free \_\_\_\_\_?

\_\_\_ C. Yes, \$20 total.

\_\_\_ D. I have a \_\_\_\_\_ on the corner of Fifth and Main; the Savoy is right there.

\_\_\_ E. Thanks for choosing Hotel Shuttle Express. I hope you enjoy the \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_ F. No ma'am. It's \$7.50 \_\_\_\_\_. Do you have to come back to the airport?

\_\_\_ G. Sounds good. We'll \_\_\_\_\_ carefully.

\_\_\_ H. It's the last stop. The speaker will make announcement that says it's the \_\_\_\_\_ stop and all passengers need to \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_ I. So, then, it'll \_\_\_\_\_ \$20 dollars for both of us to ride to the hotel and \_\_\_\_\_ to the airport.

\_\_\_ J. You can buy them on the bus. Climb in and put your suitcases in the luggage \_\_\_\_\_ directly behind my driver's seat.

\_\_\_ K. How will we know which \_\_\_\_\_ is ours?

\_\_\_ L. Is the Fifth and Main stop the first, second, or third \_\_\_\_\_?

\_\_\_ M. Then I'd buy the \_\_\_\_\_ shuttle \_\_\_\_\_. It's \$10.00 round trip. It'll save you \$5.00 a person.

\_\_\_ N. Great. Where do we buy the \_\_\_\_\_?

\_\_\_ O. Is this the \_\_\_\_\_ that will take us to the English Savoy Hotel in midtown?

\_\_\_ P. Yes, we do. We \_\_\_\_\_ back to Denver on Sunday.

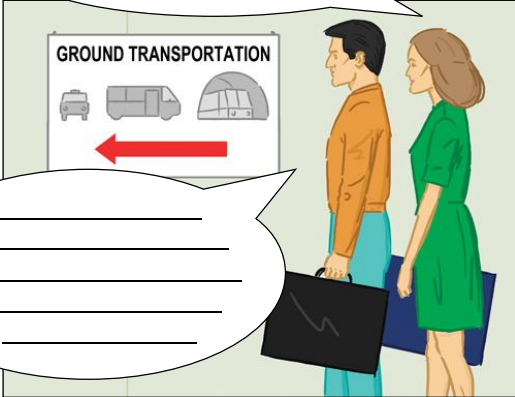
**DIALOGUE PRACTICE**

Form groups of three. See if you can put the pieces together in the right order. Read the dialogue with one partner playing the role of the driver and the other two playing the roles of Mr. and Mrs. Jones. Trade roles. Practice your intonation and pronunciation.



**WRITING PRACTICE**

Look at the pictures. Fill in what the people might be saying.

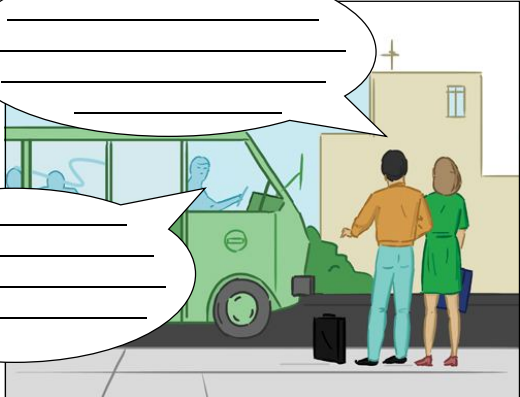
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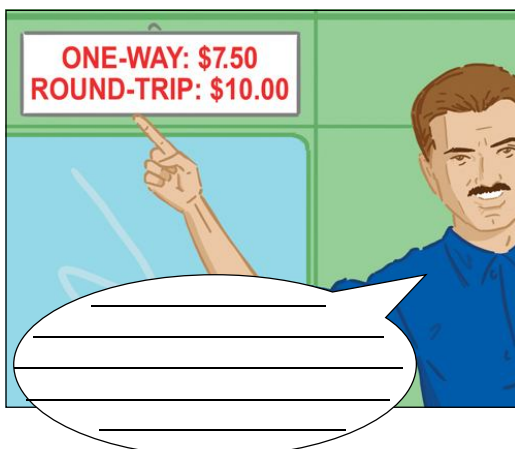
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ROUND-TRIP: \$10.00

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**WRITING PRACTICE continued...**

**Now, write a short story about a time that you took a shuttle bus or some type of ground transportation. What types of things did you say to the driver? What questions did you ask? What questions were you asked by the driver?**

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