

Grade 4

Social Science : History

Lesson 5 : Transport Through Time

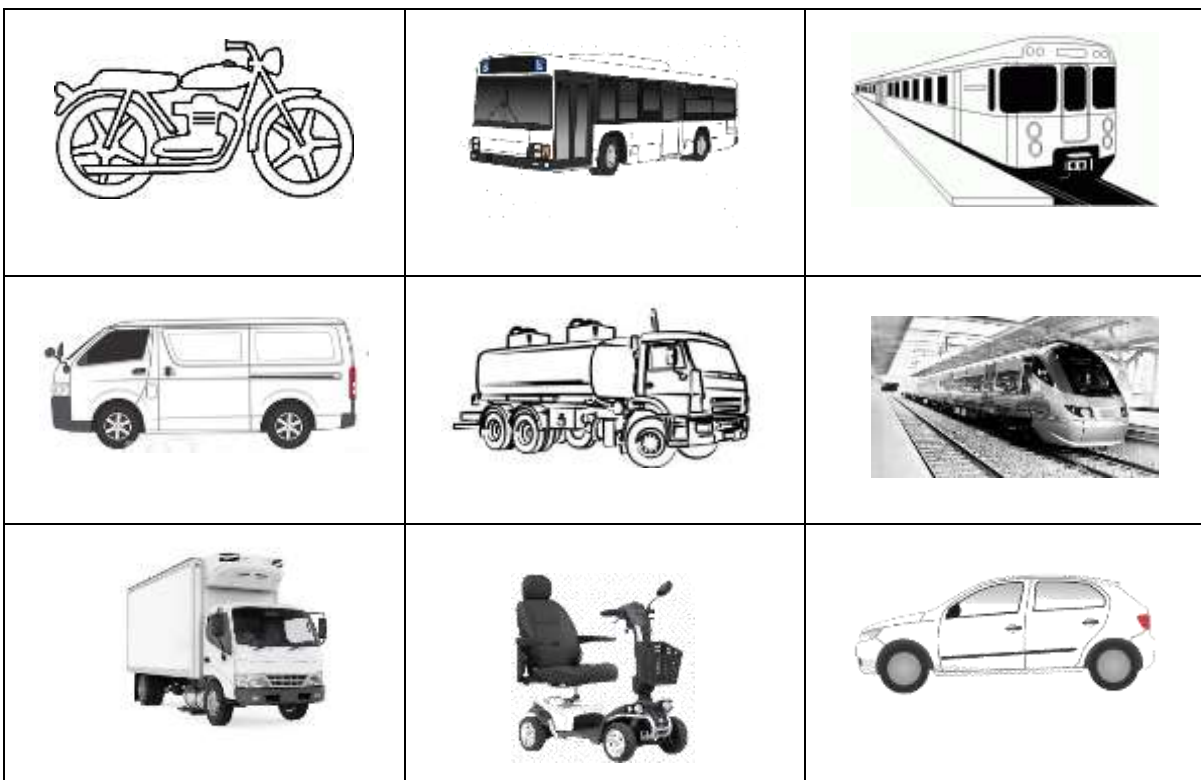
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Common Forms of Transport of People and Goods on Land Today

Inventions like the motor car and train have changed our lives. Thousands of people in our cities need to get to work every day. They drive in cars, or catch buses, metro trains and mini bus taxis. Some people use motorbikes so that they can travel more quickly through the traffic.

Trains are still used today because they move people and goods quickly. The railways also helped to grow the South African mining industry. Most of the trains used are diesel or electric trains. The Gautrain is a modern fast passenger train system that links Pretoria, Johannesburg and O R Tambo International Airport.

Most of the goods transported on land today are transported in long-distance trucks. There are special kinds of trucks such as petrol tankers which transport petrol to garages. Refrigerated trucks keep certain foods frozen or cold. A motorized scooter is used by people with physical disabilities to get to places.



Activity 1: Study the pictures above and fill in the table.

	Type of Transport	Used mostly for people or goods
1	<i>motorbike</i>	<i>people</i>
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Activity 2 : Fill in the Blanks

The Gautrain is an example of a _____ fast passenger train system. It links _____ , _____ and _____ . People use a _____ truck to transport frozen meat. A _____ transports petrol to garages.

Activity 3 : Answer the following questions.

1. Name two advantages of modern transport.

2. Name two disadvantages of modern transport.
