Activity 1. Read the questions below and prepare your own answer. Remember to give a direct answer to the question first, then extend your answer by adding extra information in a couple of sentences.

Activity 2. Read the answers below carefully and highlight expressions, vocabulary or idioms that you wish to remember. Make sure you practice them in your speaking, so that you can make use of them in your speaking test.

Part 1. Traffic

Q: What means of transport is popular when people in your country get to work?

In my country, many people travel to work by subway or by bus. This is because they want to avoid traffic congestion, especially in the rush hours. If they drive to work, it is very likely for them to get stuck in traffic. So, many people depend on public transport like city buses, trains, and subways. It helps them get to their work in time.

Q: What traffic problems do you typically have?

Well, let me think. I live in a big city, so in my area, traffic jam is the single most common traffic problem. It is almost inevitable to be jammed on the road in the rush hour, and you can see so many cars are bumper to bumper and they hardly move. It's just impossible to get to a destination on time when this happens.

Q: What means of transport do you like most?

My favourite means of transport by far is the train. I often get carsick when I travel by car or by bus. However, I never have carsickness/ motion sickness when I travel by train. This is the first reason why I love trains as a means of transport. Also, the train is reliable since it is punctual. So, it helps me plan my journey and stick to my daily time schedule.

Q: How can we urge more people to use public transport?

I don’t think it’s hard to make people use public transport- impose more taxes on drivers by raising vehicle license fees and registration payments, make public transport more convenient by charging cheaper fares, provide buses and trains more frequently, and finally, expand public transport networks. This way, more people will choose to use public transport rather than driving their own cars.