

City Life & Getting to Work

Meet Mark, Kostas, and Nadine

— Three Friends from Three Countries!

Three Friends, Three Cities, Three Stories

Mark lives in London, United Kingdom GB

Kostas lives in Athens, Greece

Nadine lives in Marseilles, France FR

Each friend will tell us about their city and
how their family gets to work.

Let's listen!

Mark Lives in London — A Very Big City!

- London is one of the biggest and most famous cities in the world.
- Mark's father owns a bookstore in their neighbourhood.
- The bookstore is very close to home, so his father walks to work every day.
- Walking is healthy, free, and great for the environment!

Key Word: Neighbourhood — the area close to where you live.

Why Walking to Work is Wonderful

Time & Stress

- No traffic jams
- You always arrive on time!

Health Benefits

- Good for your health
- Keeps you fit and active

Environment

- Does not pollute the air
- Eco-friendly choice

Cost

- It costs nothing
- Completely free!

Discussion Question: Can you think of other benefits of walking?

Kostas Lives in Athens – Greece's Capital City

Meet Kostas

Kostas lives in Nea Ionia, a suburb (an area outside the city centre) of Athens. His mum works as a bank clerk right in the busy city centre.

The Daily Commute:

She drives her car to work every day. Because of the heavy traffic, the journey takes her over an hour! Plus, finding a parking space is a huge problem every single day.



Driving to Work Has Big Problems!

Why Driving Every Day Can Be Difficult?

The Challenges of Driving

Heavy traffic means very long journeys. Cars create air pollution in busy cities, and driving is expensive due to fuel, parking fees, and car maintenance.

Everyday Struggles

1. Finding a parking place in the city centre is very hard.
2. Sitting in traffic causes stress and delays.
3. It takes over an hour for Kostas's mum to get to work.
4. Kostas thinks his mum should try public transport instead!

Think About It: What could Kostas's mum use instead of her car?

Nadine Lives in Marseilles -

A Big City in Southern France

The City

Marseilles is a large, beautiful city located right on the coast of France. It is full of life and busy streets!

The Journey

Nadine's parents work in a factory outside the city. They travel to work by bus every single day.

The Choice

Many of their colleagues drive, but Nadine's parents prefer the bus. Nadine is proud of them and thinks they are doing the right thing!

Key Word: Colleagues — people who work together.

Taking the Bus is a Smart Choice!

The bus carries many people at once, which means fewer cars and less traffic on the roads. Public transport helps everyone in the city move more easily. Let's look at why Nadine's parents make the right choice by taking the bus to work every day.

Key Word: Public transport — buses, trains, and trams that everyone can use.

Less Traffic

The bus carries many people at once, which means fewer cars and less traffic on the roads.

No Parking Stress

There is no need to worry about finding a parking place in the busy city centre.

Saves Money

Taking the bus is much cheaper than owning, maintaining, and driving a car every day.

Cleaner Air

Fewer cars on the road means less pollution, which is much better for the environment.

New Words We Learned Today

Places • Neighbourhood: The area close to where you live •
Suburb: An area on the edge of a big city Getting Around •
Public transport: Buses, trains, and trams for everyone
People & Jobs • Bank clerk: A person who works in a bank •
Colleagues: People who work together

Driving Challenges • Traffic: Many vehicles moving on the roads • Parking place: A space where you leave your car

Your Turn

— What Do You Think?

How does your family get to work or school?

Is there public transport in your town or city?

What is the best way to travel in a big city? Why?

If you could give Kostas's mum one piece of advice, what would it be?