

Reading

1. Read the article. Have you ever ridden on a monorail?

The Monorail—Transportation for the Future

Several years ago, countries such as Japan, Germany, and Malaysia started building monorail systems. However, the monorail is a new form of public transportation in the United States. People in the United States think that cars, trains, and buses are enough. They don't want to spend a lot of money on this new invention. They think it isn't necessary.

What is so good about the monorail? First, it doesn't run at street level so there are no traffic accidents. This means fewer injuries and deaths, and less lost time for drivers in their cars. Second, monorails are friendlier on the environment. They use electric power, so there's no air pollution. In addition, they run on rubber wheels, so there's no noise pollution either. Third, they can build monorails very quickly, so there are fewer problems for nearby businesses and residences.

Las Vegas, Nevada, tested out a new monorail system recently. This four-mile route connects eight major resorts with nine convention buildings. People using the monorail got where they needed to go a lot faster. It also cost them less than if they went by car or taxi. In Las Vegas at least, the monorail is the road of the future.

2. Read each statement. Then circle *T* if the statement is true, or *F* if it is *false*.

1. T F The United States has extensive monorail systems.
2. T F Monorails are economical.
3. T F Most monorails run at ground level.
4. T F Monorails take a long time to build.
5. T F Las Vegas has a new monorail system.
6. T F Monorails hurt the environment.

