



Segment 7 (Units 13–16)

How do you get to work?

Genre: Newscast

Viewing Time: 1:54

Cultural Information

These short interviews all take place in New York City. All of the respondents except two are from New York; the other two are from Dallas, Texas, and Amsterdam, Holland. For New Yorkers, the subway is the fastest and most convenient means of transportation to get around the city. It operates 7 days a week, 24 hours a day. The various lines connect four of the five boroughs: Manhattan (the center for commerce and business), Brooklyn, Queens, and the Bronx. (A ferry connects Staten Island to Manhattan.) About 4.5 million people take the subway on an average weekday. New York, tied with Mexico City, occupies the fourth place for subway ridership—behind Moscow, Tokyo, and Seoul. Metro North, the Long Island Railroad, PATH, and New Jersey Transit are commuter lines that connect New York to the suburbs. In most other U.S. cities, automobiles are used much more than public transportation.

Vocabulary for Comprehension

Preview the vocabulary with your students.

subway: *a railroad that is located underground in cities*

tram: *usually an electric bus that runs in cities. In New York, the tram is suspended on wires*

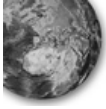
Answer Key

Previewing (Answers may vary—as long as they are appropriate guesses, accept them for now.)

1. They are anonymous respondents to a TV survey.
2. They are on the street in New York.
3. The subway is the most commonly mentioned.
4. The tram, most probably. The tram is an elevated mini-bus suspended on wires, similar to the ones used in skiing resorts (the one in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, is perhaps the most famous in the world).

In-Depth Viewing

subway or train: √ = 9	tram: √ = 1	car: √ = 1	bicycle: √ = 1
ferry: √ = 1	bus: √ = 1	taxi: √ = 1	walking: √ = 1



Video Script

Reporter: How do you get to work each day, and how long does it take?

- 1:** Well, normally, to get to work I take the subway.
- 2:** I get to work on the subway because I live in Brooklyn and work in Manhattan. There's really no other choice.
- 3:** I use, um, the train. The subway. I usually take the F train.
- 4:** I get to work by taking a subway, then walking four blocks.
- 5:** I take the 6 train to 125th Street, where I walk across the platform, and I make a transfer to the number 4 train.
- 6:** I live in Staten Island. I ride my bike to the ferry, and I take the ferry to Manhattan. And then when I get to Manhattan, I ride my bike to my office.
- 7:** I get to work by taking the commuter train. The Metro-North train from the Bronx into Manhattan.
- 8:** I live on 9th Avenue in New York, so I walk to work 'cause it's close to where I have to go.
- 9:** I have to just walk four or five blocks to get from my house to work in the morning.
- 10:** If the weather's nice and you want to walk, you're a lot more willing to walk 10 blocks.
- 11:** To get to work I drive my car. It takes me 10 minutes, approximately, to arrive.
- 12:** I'll take the train to Penn Station, and if the weather is good, then I will walk to the office.
- 13:** I live in Dallas, Texas, and traveling to work—I live on the west side of the city—I have to travel to the east side of the city.
- 14:** I live in Amsterdam and it takes me, like, six-seven-eight-nine-ten minutes to go from home to work.
- 15:** I usually take the E train, or if I can catch the R train, that's usually better.
- 16:** I live on Roosevelt Island, so in the morning, I like to take the tram to work. It's something different. You get a really good view of the city. So, I like to do that.
- 17:** If I walk to work in the morning it takes 30 minutes.
- 18:** My bus ride takes about 40 minutes by bus. And then a 10-minute cab ride.