

There's a new type of London's famous red double-decker buses: it's called the Routemaster. Would you like to take a ride? Watch this clip to find out what it's like!

**Do the preparation task first.** Then watch the video and do the exercises to check your understanding. If you need help, you can read the transcript at any time.

### Preparation

Match the vocabulary with the correct definition and write a–h next to the number 1–8.

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| 1..... | packed     | a. | full of people   |
| 2..... | a grand    | b. | one thousand pounds  |
| 3..... | a vehicle  | c. | quite, but not very  |
| 4..... | overhyped  | d. | when you travel from one place to another  |
| 5..... | pretty     | e. | an idea  |
| 6..... | a reaction | f. | the way someone acts or feels in response to something   |
| 7..... | a concept  | g. | a machine (like a car or bus) that takes people from one place to another                              |
| 8..... | a journey  | h. | when something is advertised or praised more than it deserves in order to make people excited about it |

### 1. Check your understanding: true or false

Circle *True* or *False* for these sentences.

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|----|--|-------------|--------------|
| 1. | Sonya is excited about the new Routemaster bus.                  | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 2. | The Routemaster isn't very crowded.                              | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 3. | The Routemaster is one of the most expensive buses ever.         | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 4. | People didn't have to wait a long time for the bus.              | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 5. | None of the passengers had any complaints.                       | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 6. | Overall, people have had a positive reaction to the Routemaster. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 7. | The Routemaster is environmentally friendly.                     | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 8. | Sonya thinks the Routemaster is overhyped, but nice.             | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |

## 2. Check your understanding: yes or no

Circle **Yes** for all the complaints people make about the Routemaster in the video.

1.	It was late.	Yes	No
2.	It's dirty.	Yes	No
3.	There isn't enough head room.	Yes	No
4.	There isn't enough leg room.	Yes	No
5.	It's boring.	Yes	No
6.	It's too expensive.	Yes	No
7.	The temperature isn't right.	Yes	No
8.	It's overhyped.	Yes	No

## 3. Check your language: ordering

Put these words in the correct order to make a question and write it below.

1. I do or the back ? get on the front

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2. have to did wait ? you how long

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3. ? going so far your journey how's

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4. of the bus ? day how's the first going

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5. did of it what you ? make

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#### 4. Check your vocabulary: gap fill – phrasal verbs

Complete the sentences with a phrasal verb from the box.

sort out

make of

get on

come down

get off

1. Sonya doesn't know if she should \_\_\_\_\_ the bus in the front or the back.
2. Would you \_\_\_\_\_ especially to take the new Routemaster bus?
3. One passenger complained that somebody needed to \_\_\_\_\_ the heating on the bus.
4. When someone asks you what you \_\_\_\_\_ something, they want to know your opinion about it.
5. When you arrive at your stop, you need to \_\_\_\_\_ the bus.

#### Discussion

What's your favourite form of transport?

Do you like taking the bus in your country?

What kind of transport do people usually use where you live?

Do you think there should be more public transport in our cities? Why?

#### Vocabulary Box

Write any new words you have learnt in this lesson.