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Types of Transportation or Vehicles
Transportation

There are lots of words that describe the way we move from place to place. We’ve grouped them into four groups.
Vehicles for Moving in Water:
  * boat
  * canoe
  * raft
  * ship

Vehicles for Moving in Air:
  * airplane
  * jet
  * plane
  * rocket
  * space ship

With an Engine:
  * auto
  * bus
  * car
  * motorcycle
  * train
  * transport
  * truck
  * van

Vehicles for Moving on Land

General Terms for Vehicles:
  * vehicle
  * vessel

Without an Engine:
  * bicycle
  * carriage
  * cart
  * wagon

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Types of Transportation or Vehicles

Most people use some form of transportation everyday. Adults and kids alike use different forms of transportation to get to places they need to be. People who live in big cities may take a train or a bus. People who live near stores may ride their bikes to get things they need.

Let’s take a look at some of the core vocabulary words that describe types of transportation or vehicles.
vehicle
(ve·hi·cle)
vessel
(ves·sel)
airplane
(air·plane)
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jet
(jet)

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plane
(plane)
rocket
(rock·et)
space ship
(space ship)

Photo: The Space Shuttle Discovery lifting off from Kennedy Space Center. October, 2007. Released into public domain by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.
boat
(boat)

canoe
(ca·noe)
raft
(raft)
ship
(ship)

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auto
(au·to)
bus
(bus)
car
(car)

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motorcycle

(mo·tor·cy·cle)
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train
(train)

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transport (trans·port)

A transport vehicle carries things or people to where they need to go

This truck is transporting tomatoes

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truck
(truck)

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van

(van)

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bicycle
(bi·cy·cle)
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carriage
(car·riage)
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cart
(cart)

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wagon
(wag·on)
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General Terms for Where Vehicles Travel
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Where Vehicles Travel

There are lots of words that describe where vehicles can go. Some words are specific to the kind of vehicle. For example, only a train can go on railroads. Some words describe places that more than one kind of vehicles can go on. For example, bicycles and cars can both go on the street.

Let’s take a look at some of the core vocabulary words that describe where vehicles travel.
Terms Used in Traveling:
* path
* route
* tunnel
* way

Cars & Trucks:
* highway
* lane

Trains:
* railroad
* track

Cars & Bicycles:
* avenue
* drive
* road
* street
A path is the way along which a vehicle or vessel travels.

These canoes are all traveling along the same path through the water.
route
(route)

A route can be a popular path people like to travel to get somewhere. It can also be a new path that people create by themselves.

A public bus travels on a specific route to take people to the places they need to go.

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tunnel
(tun·nel)

Tunnels take train tracks and roads under bridges or underground.
lane
(lane)
**way**

*(way)*

A *way* is a path people take to get somewhere.

Some people have a special *way* to get to their friends house.
highway (high-way)

A highway has many lanes for cars and trucks to travel on.
The term *railroad* can refer to train tracks because the tracks make a road for a train.

A *Railroad* can also refer to the tracks, train cars, and train stations in an area.
track
(track)
avenue
(av·e·nue)
drive
(drive)

A drive is a small road in a community or park.
road
(road)

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street
(street)
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Parts of & Fuel for Vehicles

There are lots of words to describe parts of a vehicle. Some of these parts can be found on other kinds of vehicles, while some parts can only be found on a specific kind of vehicle. But they all have one thing in common...they all help people get from place to place.

Let’s take a look at some of the core vocabulary words that describe parts of and fuel for vehicles.
Fuel for Vehicles:
  * fuel
  * gas
  * petroleum

Part of Many Kinds of Vehicles:
  * door
  * engine
  * gear
  * oil
  * tire
  * wheel
  * window

Part of Some Vehicles:
  * Plane:
    * tail
    * wing
  * Car:
    * trunk
  * Ship:
    * anchor
    * sail
door

(door)
engine
(en·gine)
gear
(gear)

Part of Many Kinds of Vehicles

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tire
(tire)
wheel
(wheel)

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window
(win·dow)
fuel
(fu·el)

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Fuel for Vehicles

gas
(gas)

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petroleum (pet·tro·leum)

*Petroleum* is a naturally occurring liquid found underground that is used to make gas and other fuels.

People drill into Earth’s surface to get *petroleum* out from underground.
Parts of Some Vehicles

- **tail**
  - (tail)

- **wing**
  - (wing)

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trunk
(trunk)
anchor
(an·chor)
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Ways Vehicles Move & People Who Make Them Go
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Words that describe the way vehicles move can be very specific. For example, to sail a boat is not the same as to row a boat. But you can drive both a car and a boat.

Let’s take a look at some of the core vocabulary words that describe ways vehicles move and the people who make them go.
People Who Make Them Go:
* astronaut
* driver
* pilot

Ways Vehicles Move:
* drive
* fly
* sail
* row

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astronaut
(as·tro·naut)
driver
(driv·er)
pilot

(pi·lot)
drive
(drive)
fly
(fly)

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row
(row)
sail (sail)
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