B2 First Part 6

1 **In reading activities where sentences are missing from a text, you should remember to ...**

a look closely at the information before each gap.

b look closely at the information before and after each gap.

c look for words from the missing sentences in the text.

2 **Match the words (1–7) to the definitions (a–g).**

1	supersonic	**a**	a system of roads, wires, etc. connected to each other
2	improbable	**b**	something happens later than expected
3	network	**c**	a speed faster than sound
4	fine	**d**	not likely to happen
5	delay	**e**	too many people in one space
6	overpopulated	**f**	a mechanism used to direct a car
7	steering wheel	**g**	money you have to pay as a punishment

Exam tip

In reading activities where sentences are missing from a text, look carefully at the information before and after each gap. Then read all the sentences looking for words and phrases which connect with information in the text.

3 **You are going to read an article about the future of transport. Six sentences have been removed from the article. Choose from the sentences (A–G) the one which fits each gap (1–6). There is an extra one which you do not need to use.**

A Using this data, it then selects the fastest and most direct route to the desired destination.

B Since then, this type of travel has been used almost exclusively by the military.

C In other words, it will allow vehicles to charge as they are being driven.

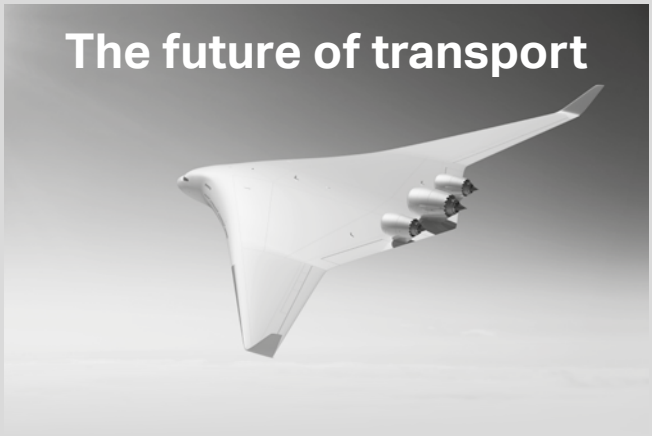
D By 2045, commercial planes could be windowless in an attempt to make them stronger.

E If this were the case, a vertical platform would be designed as there would be limited space.

F To minimise risk, it would make sense to separate this from other, more dangerous modes.

G Powered by an electric motor, these trains will reach speeds of up to 1,100 kilometres per hour inside low-pressure tubes.

The future of transport



When we talk about the future of transport, it is often with regards to cars and finding an alternative to petrol and diesel. However, there are many other ways in which we are going to see changes in how we get from A to B. This will involve improving our current methods as well as finding new and exciting means of transport over the coming years.

As cycling is greener, healthier and often quicker than sitting behind the steering wheel, more and more people are getting out of their cars and onto their bikes. **(1)** ..... A network of elevated paths would make cycling around cities both safer and faster. On top of this, if these routes were covered, the weather wouldn't discourage people from pedalling to work on rainy days.

It is also thought that *hyperloops* will become popular. **(2)** ..... A 500-metre track was set up near Las Vegas in 2017 to test this system. It is hoped that an on-demand network could be in operation around the world by 2050. That must be good news for commuters who will be able to get to and from work in a fraction of the time.

As far as making a long trip is concerned, we could see a return to supersonic travel. Concorde planes, the first supersonic passenger aircraft, were retired back in 2003. **(3)** ..... However, a number of companies are now looking at producing a new generation of supersonic aircraft. One of them plans to fly a 55-seater plane from London to New York in just over three hours. With a round trip set to cost around £3,600, supersonic speeds will likely be reserved for only wealthy individuals.

That doesn't mean that the future won't bring change for most air travellers. **(4)** ..... This would allow them to reach faster speeds, which would lead to reduced flight times.

Where autonomous travel is concerned, much has already been written about self-driving cars, but what about self-driving helicopters? One aviation research company has been working on a military helicopter which is operated remotely. It is able to detect obstacles using a combination of advanced camera sensors and LiDAR technology, which also measures distance. **(5)** ..... A number of companies have also shown an interest in autonomous aircraft, so competition in this field is growing.

Finally, the future of travel isn't just about the vehicles that will be used. Sweden has recently been developing a two-kilometre electrified track built into a road. **(6)** ..... Wireless battery chargers below roads will not only reduce air pollution, but also result in fewer stops for passengers.

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B2 First Part 4

1 In activities where you have to transform a sentence, you should remember to use ...

a the key word provided without changing it.
b synonyms for words in the first sentence.
c the same number of words in each gap.

2 Complete the second phrase so that it means the same as the first phrase. Do not use words from the first phrase.

1 get on the plane =
..... the plane

2 offer someone a ride =
give somebody a .....

3 travel during quiet times =
travel .....

4 travel to work =
..... to work

5 not agree with =
..... with

6 wrong information =
..... information

Exam tip

In activities where you have to transform a sentence, you must use the key word provided without changing it. You will probably have to change some other words and reorder the sentence.

3 For questions 1–6, complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given. You must use between two and five words, including the word given. There is an example (0).

Example:

0 Don't call me at 4pm as I'm flying to Edinburgh then.
BE
I'll ..... *be flying to* ..... Edinburgh at 4pm so don't call me then.

1 According to Joe, he can't do the work.
INCAPABLE
Joe says that ..... the work.

2 We'll take off and then I'll get my book from my bag.
ONCE
I'll get my book ..... off.

3 I think it's better to avoid the motorway.
RATHER
I'd ..... on the motorway.

4 My dad never travels during peak times to avoid delays.
ALWAYS
My dad ..... to avoid delays.

5 There's no way I'll finish the project before the weekend.
HAVE
I ..... the project by the weekend.

6 The cruise was cheaper than we expected.
NOT
The cruise ..... we expected.

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