

Access English Centre
Immigrant Centre Manitoba
Conversation Circle
Intermediate Level
Group Activity: Taking a Bus

Facilitator's Note:

Taking buses can be a challenge for most immigrants. The activities are designed to encourage learners to participate in group activities. Two activities are designed to assist participants to be able to get around in the community. Facilitators can manage the time according to the learners' pace.

I. Transit Map: Plan a trip from your home to the airport to pick up your friend.

Step one: Ice breaker/warm up exercises (worksheet 1)

Step two: Find your home on the Maps (worksheet 2)

Step three: Find new words on the map and understand the major parts and information of the map (worksheet 3)

Step four: Place 3 – 4 learners into one group and plan a better bus route from their homes to the airport. When every group finishes, have two or three learners from two to three groups present to the whole group their routes from their homes to the airport. (worksheet 4)

Work sheet 1: Transit Map – Warm up Exercises

Group Work 1: Ask your group members the following:

- 1. Did you take the bus by yourself in Winnipeg?**
- 2. If Yes, how did you feel the first time?**
- 3. If No, can you tell me why?**

- 4. Did you use a transit map prior to your trip?**
- 5. If Yes, how did you feel reading the map? Confused?**
- 6. If No, can you tell me why you didn't use the map?**
- 7. How often do you take a bus to go shopping?**
- 8. Can you tell me about your first bus ride experience?**

Group work 2: Find your home on the map and ask:

- 1. Can you find your home by using the street index?**
- 2. Is there a bus stop close to your home?**
- 3. How many buses go to your area?**
- 4. How many blocks do you have to walk to the bus stop?**
- 5. How many buses do you have to take to go downtown?**
- 6. Do you have to change buses to come to school?**
- 7. Which bus can take handicapped people to downtown?**

Group work 3: Find the following words on the map

- 1. Legend**
- 2. Destination**
- 3. Regular service**
- 4. Express service**
- 5. Route name**
- 6. Route number**
- 7. Handi-transit**
- 8. Easy access buses**
- 9. Intersecting bus route**
- 10. DART for specific areas**

Group work 4: Ask the questions to your group

- 1. Is there a bus service in your area?**
- 2. How close is your home to the bus stop?**
- 3. How often does your bus come to your neighborhood?**
- 4. Have you ever taken a bus to the Airport?**
- 5. Which bus should you take to the Airport?**