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## ESL Podcast 6 - Taking the Bus in Los Angeles

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I just moved to L.A. and don't have a car. Everybody says that you can't **get around** this city without one, but I wanted to **prove them wrong**.

I asked my neighbor to take me to the downtown **bus station** so I could try taking the bus home. She thought I was crazy but **gave me a ride**. When I got there, I went inside and got a **bus schedule**. I looked at the map and figured out that I needed to take three buses to get home. The **fare** was \$1.75 per ride and I could buy a **single ticket**, a **booklet** of 20, or a **bus pass**. I would need **transfers**, too, to **change** buses.

I took my map and went outside to wait at the **bus stop** for **the Number 8 bus**. Soon it **pulled up** and I **got on**. I gave my ticket to the bus driver and took a seat. At the **stop** where I needed to **get off**, I **rang** the bell, the bus stopped, and I got off. I waited for the next bus. I waited and waited. A man who was also waiting for the Number 14 bus said that it wasn't unusual for the bus to be **delayed**. It finally got there and I found out that the bus had **broken down** along the route and they had to get another bus to **take its place**. By this time, I was getting pretty tired. Maybe getting a car in L.A. **wasn't such a bad idea**.

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