

The Travel Training

Comic


Hi! How are you?

I'm doing great!

Me too!



Part 1



Zero wants to tell his story, about how difficult it has been for to go out and travel.

Each time I see a Disney advert on TV it makes my dream of going grow even more. The problem is, I currently can't leave the house on my own, let alone travel to another country.

My friends keep asking me to go to town with them after school. They say we would get the bus together, but I have never travelled on the bus without a parent. I'm scared I might do something wrong and then everyone will laugh at me. My friends might not invite me again if I embarrass them.

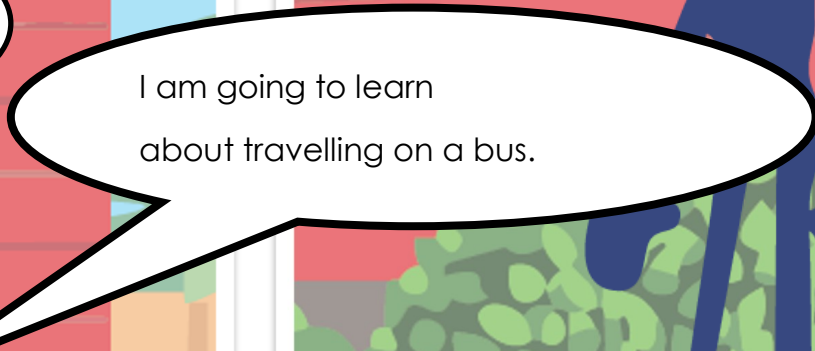
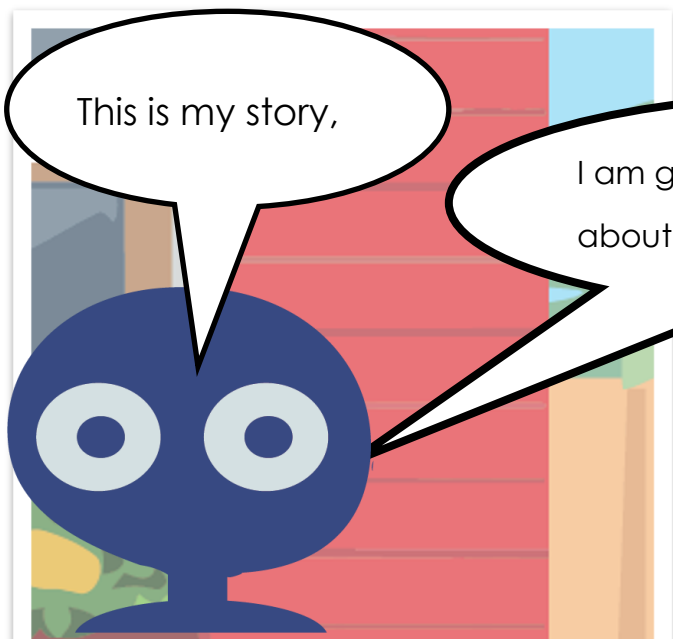
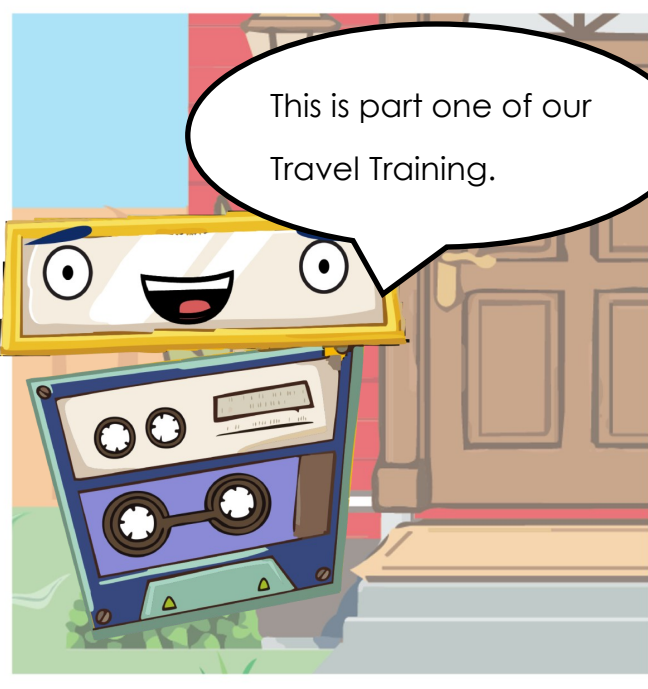
We could walk into town, but what if I get separated from my friends and I don't know where I am, or which way to go. It's a scary world out there. I don't want to end up on my own.


My friends are starting to ask questions about why I don't want to hang out with them outside of school. I can't tell them it's because I don't know how or have the confidence to travel without a parent or guardian.

It would be fun to be able to travel confidently on my own. I could have a better social life, less embarrassment, feel more like my peers and not stand out as being different. I would like to be able to go to the cinema, go to the shop, go to town, go to the library, get to school.


I don't want to feel nervous or embarrassed to leave the house anymore. I would like to start to feel a part of society, and part of my peer group. To not stand out as being different.

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Talkbot started to explain to Zero.

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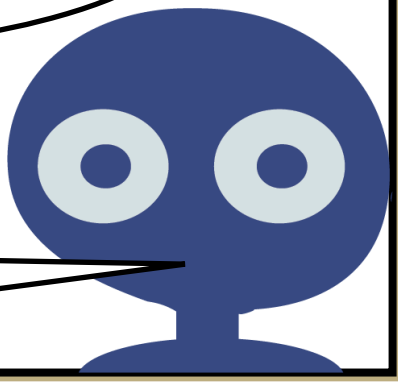
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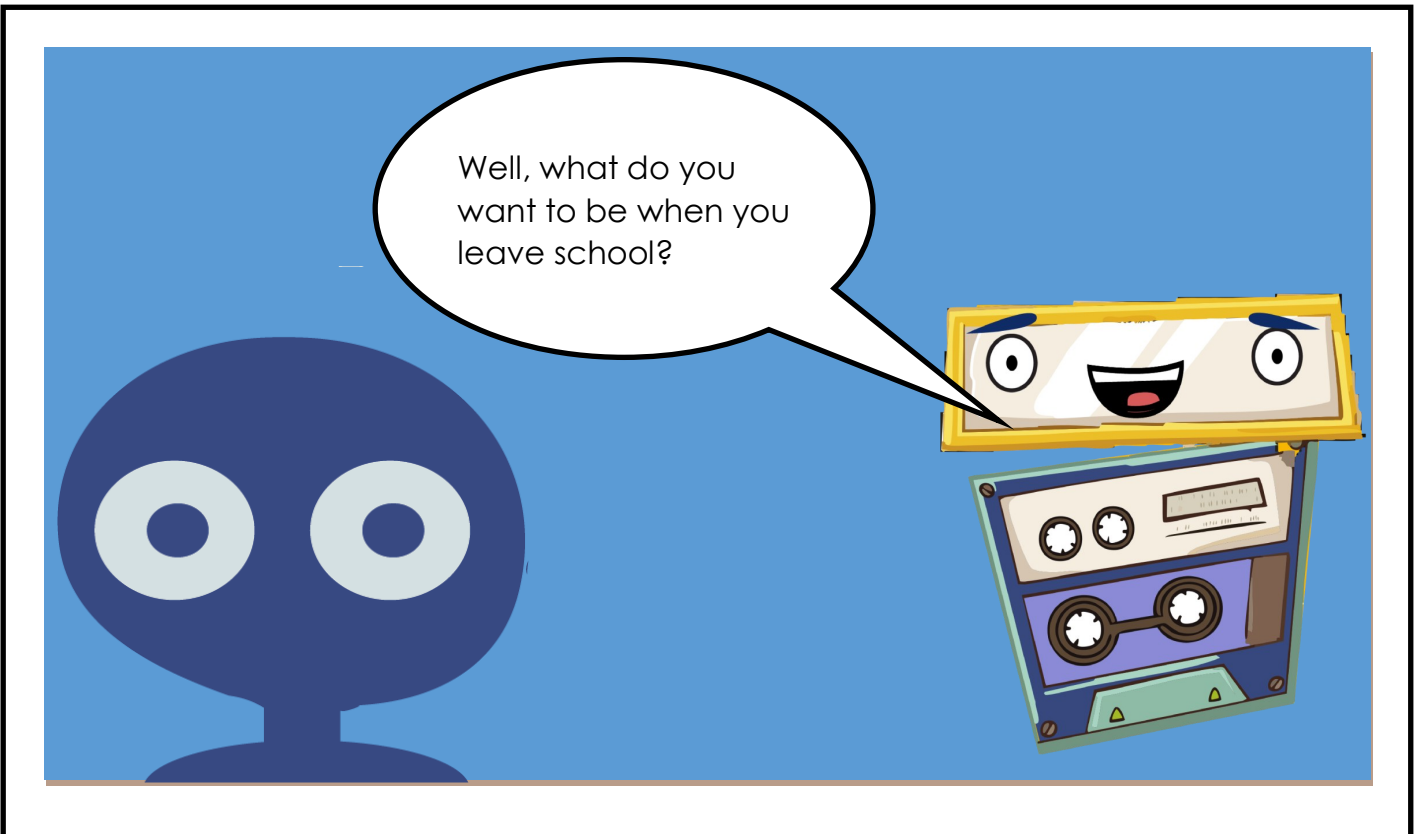
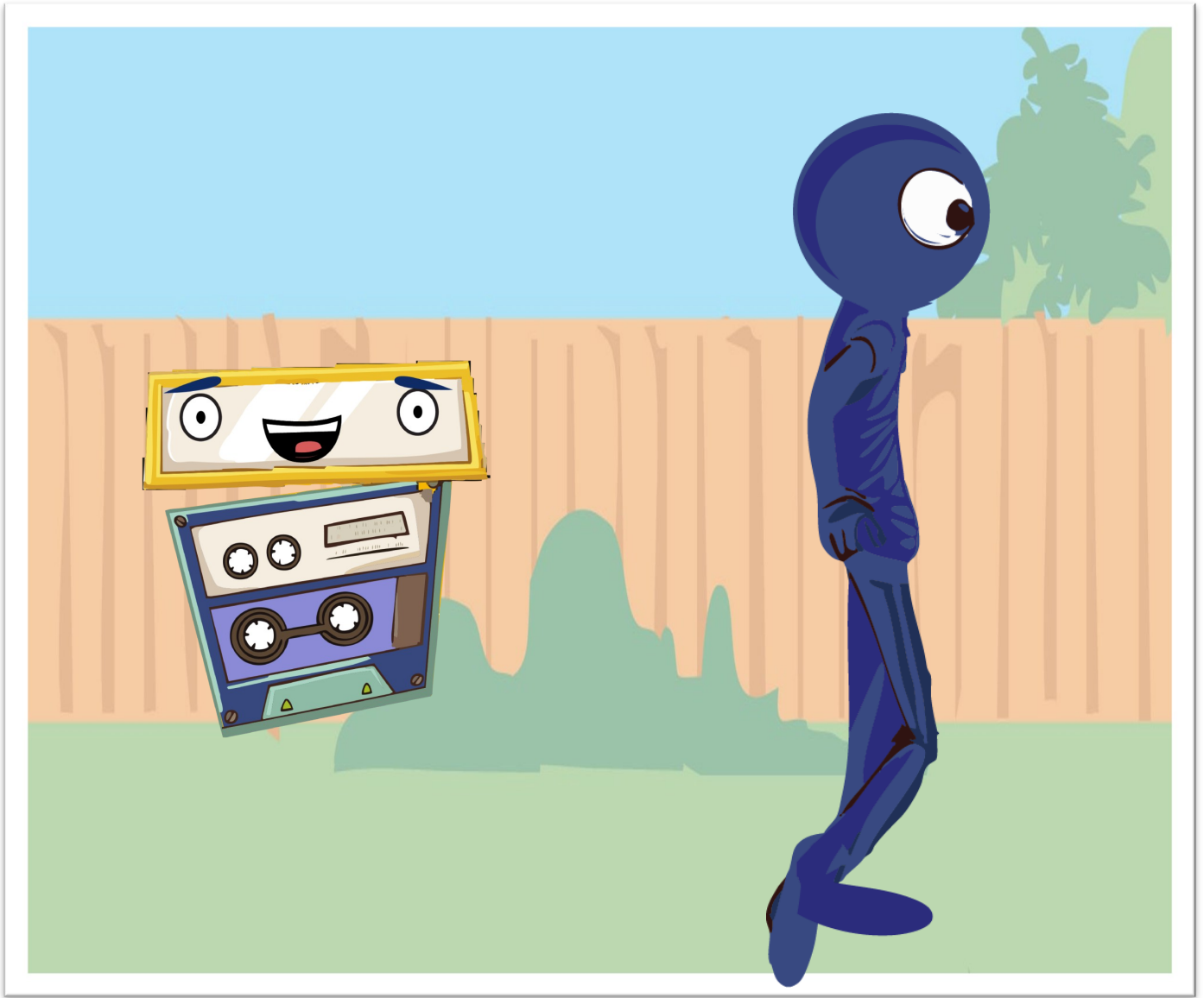
But I don't need to know. Mum or Dad take me everywhere.

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OK, but what happens when you get older and need to travel independently?

A blue, stick-like character with a large head and two large, white eyes.

I hadn't thought of that. Where would I need to go?



Zero was able to say all the jobs they would like to do.
They thought this was fun.

An astronaut



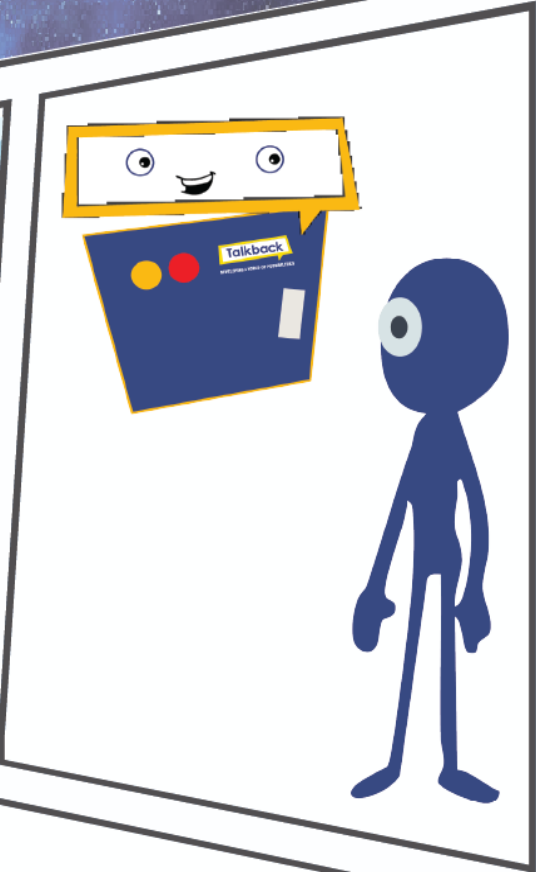
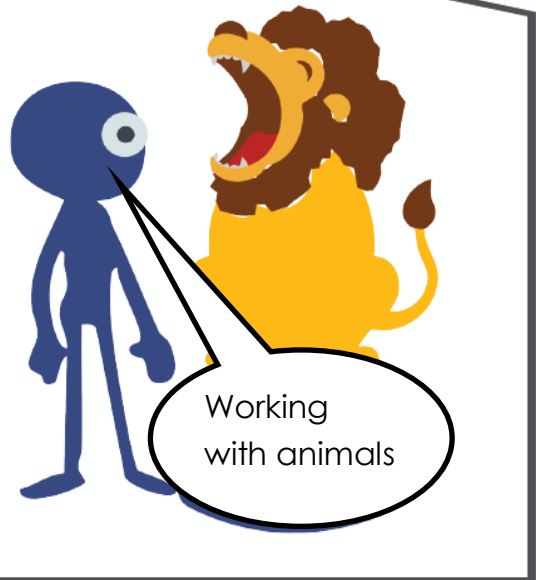
A train driver

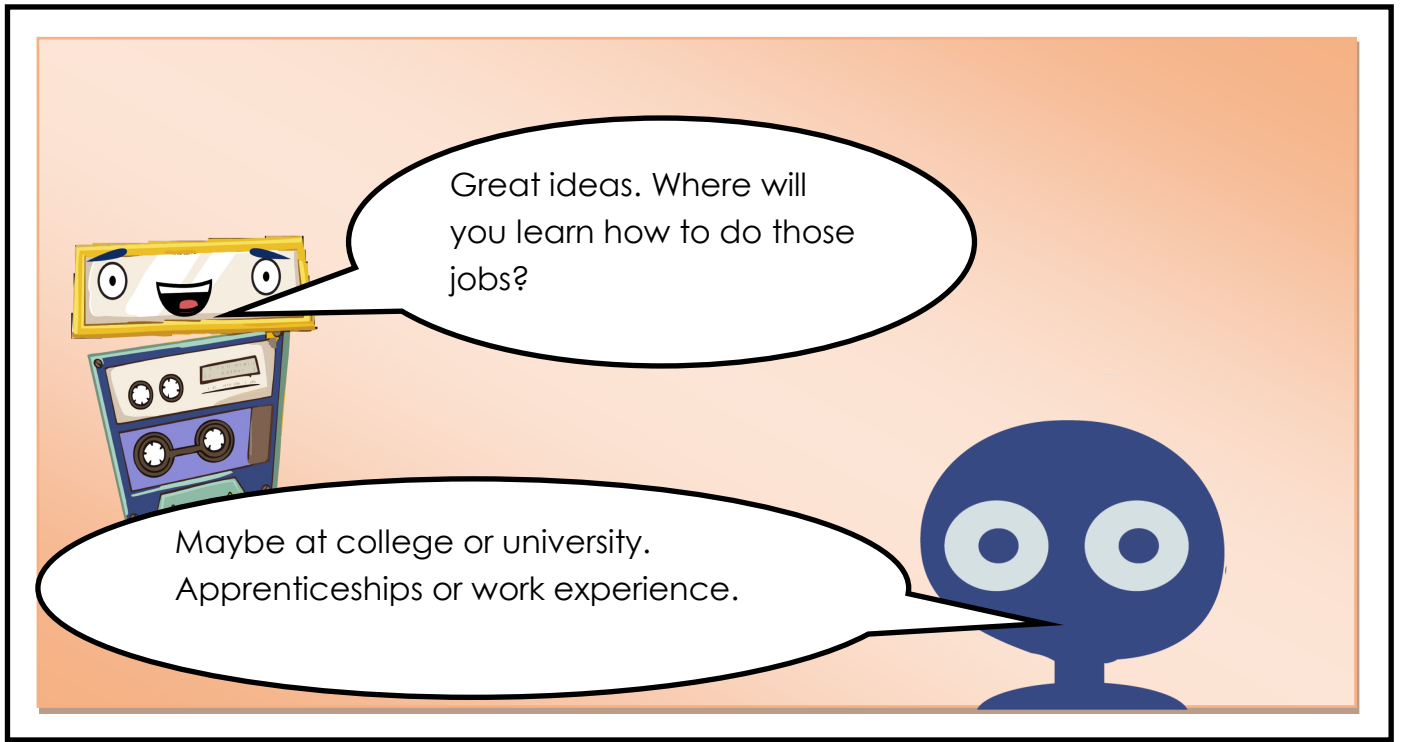


A mechanic



Working
with animals





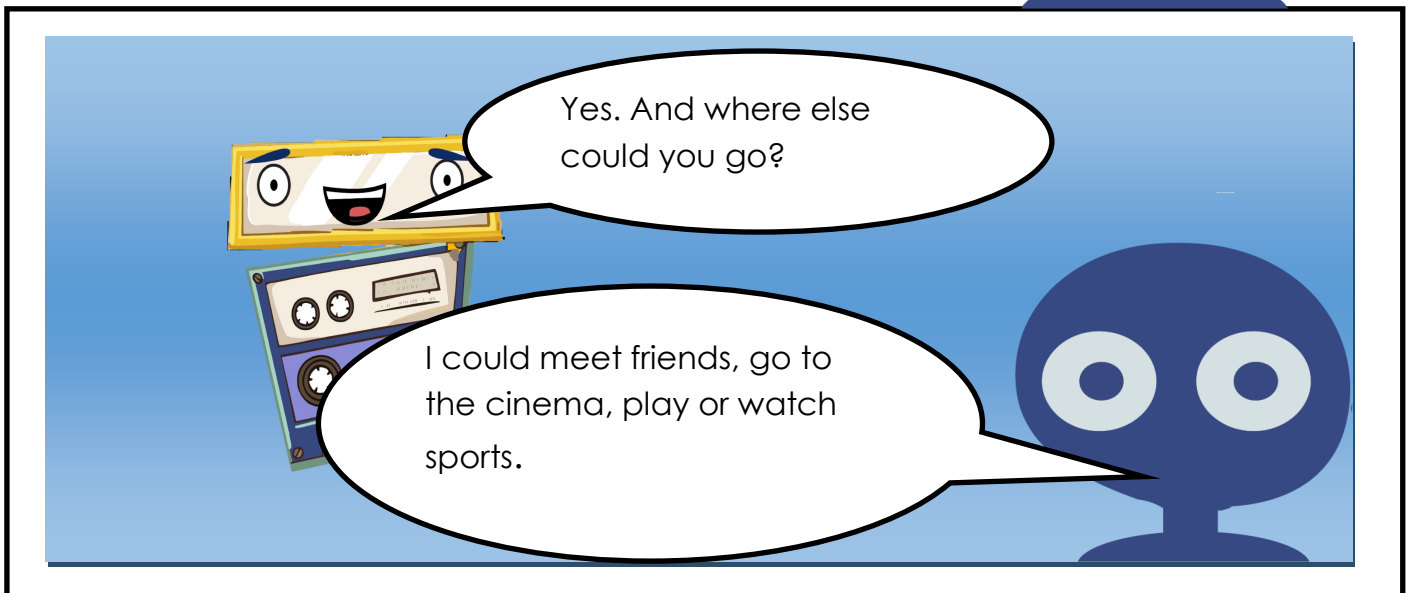
Great ideas. Where will you learn how to do those jobs?

Maybe at college or university.
Apprenticeships or work experience.



Yes, but you could miss the chance if you can't get there.

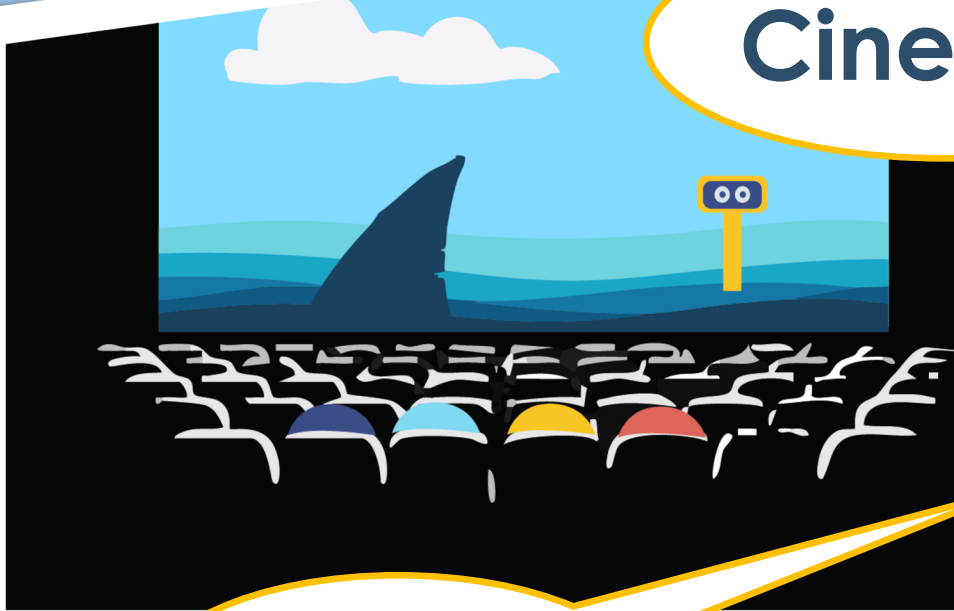
Perhaps I can go by bus.



Yes. And where else could you go?

I could meet friends, go to the cinema, play or watch sports.

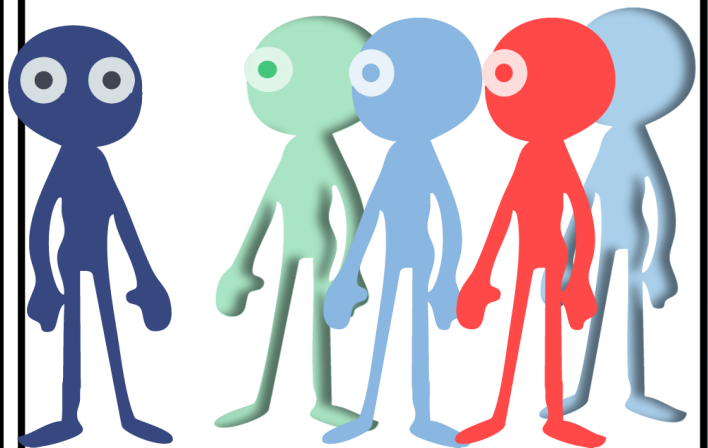
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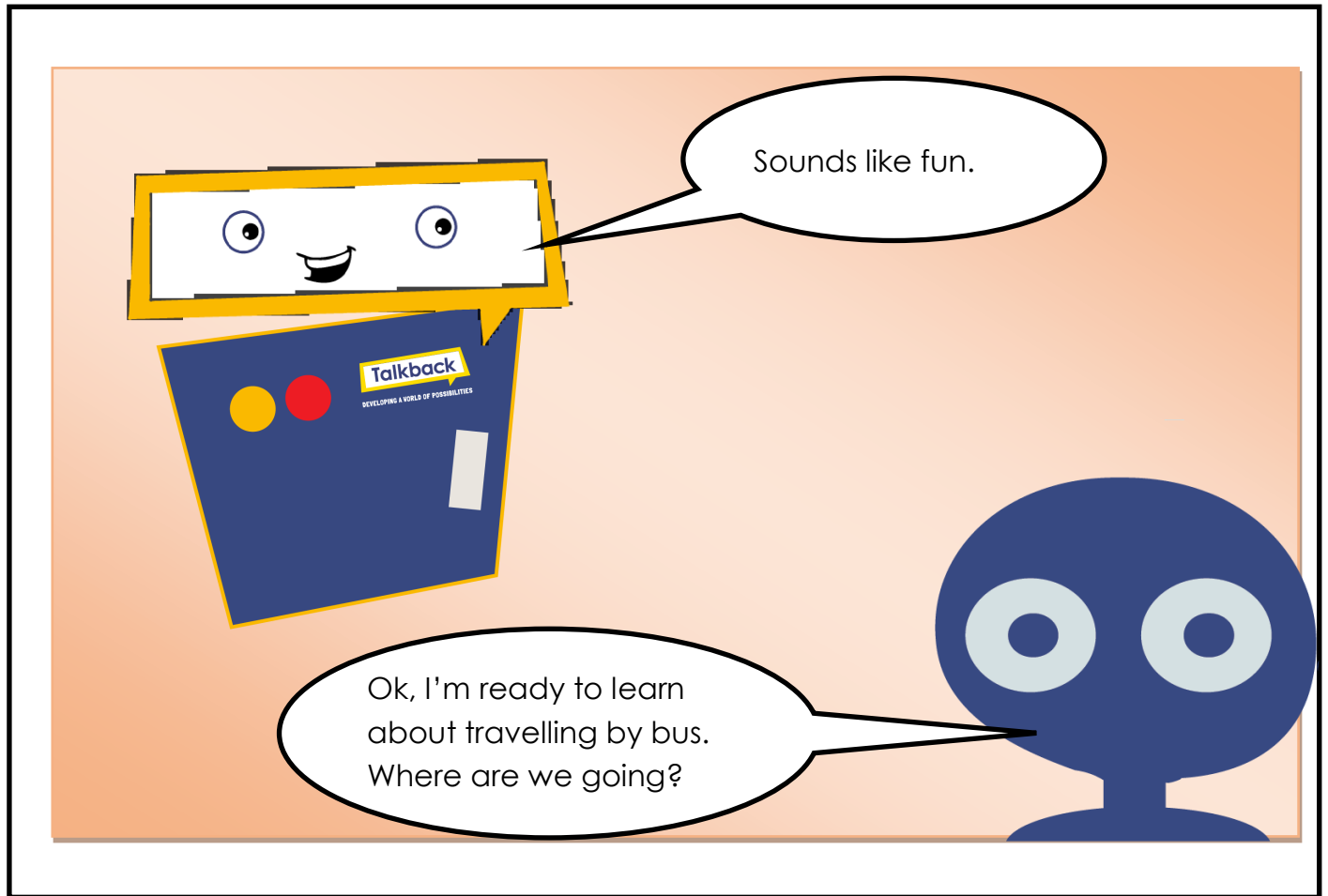


Sports



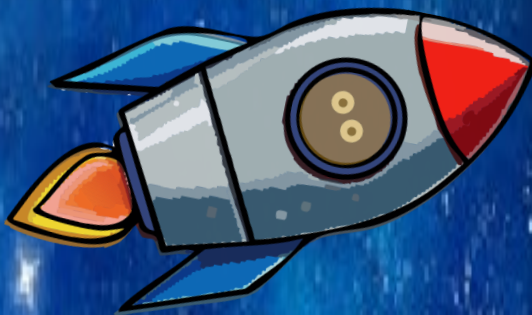
Friends





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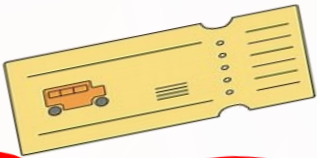


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Part 2



Talkbot is here to help Zero learn about travelling by bus. Zero is unsure and not confident, there are things they need to know.



Before we start travelling, we have to think about staying safe.

Yes, I'm worried about lots of things.



What kind of things?

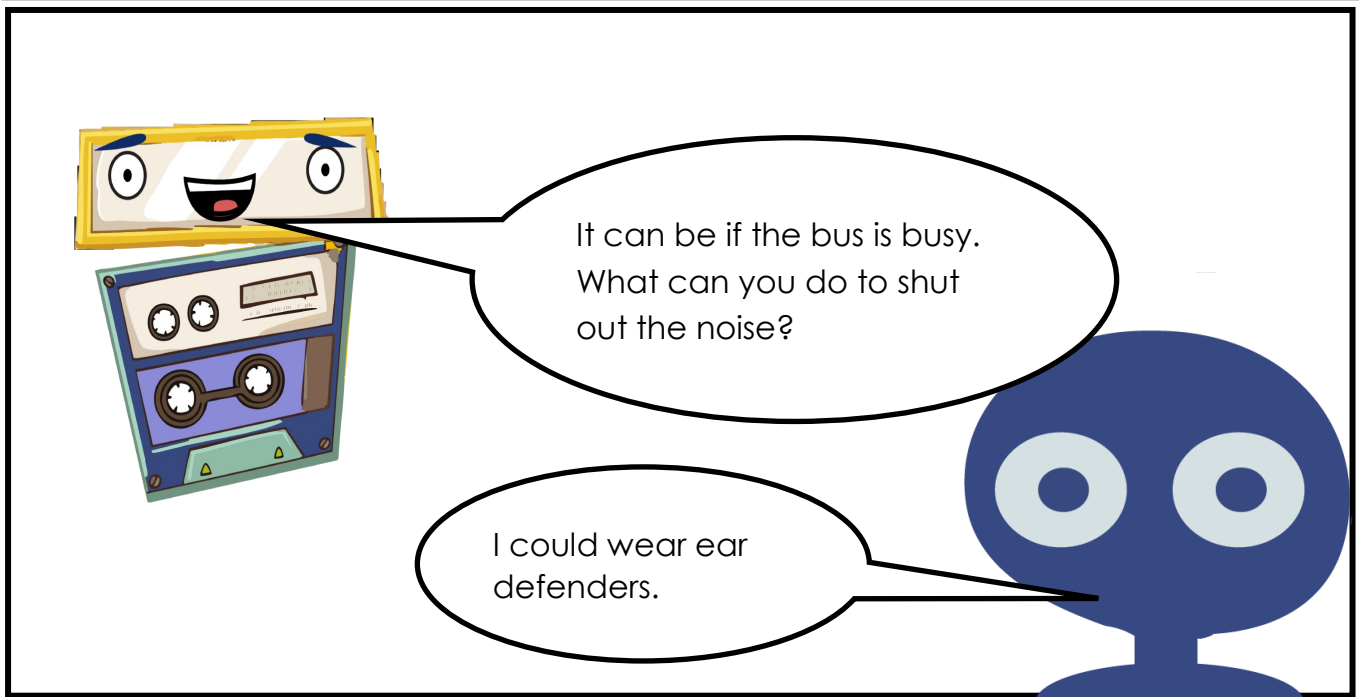
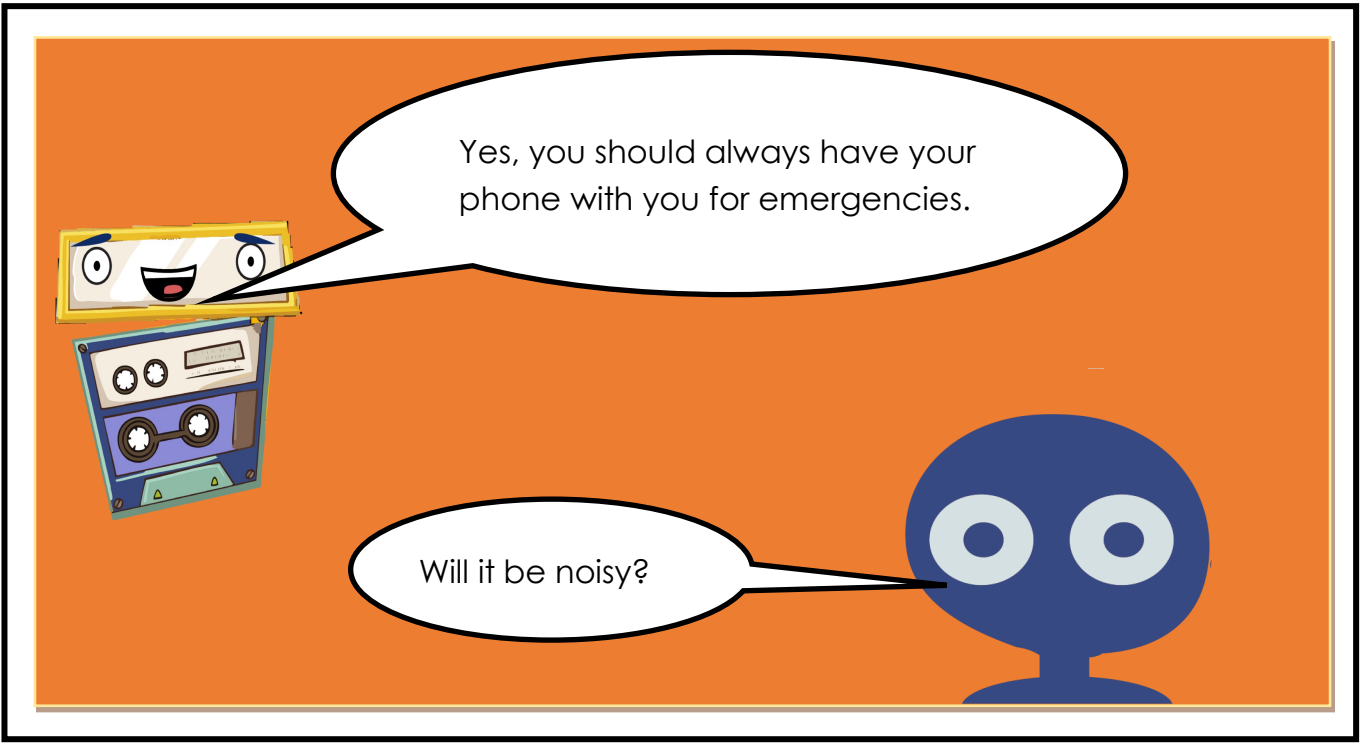
We could get lost. We could get on the wrong bus. The bus might be late, or cancelled. We could get off at the wrong stop.



What can we do if these things happen?

I can call my parents or carers to help.

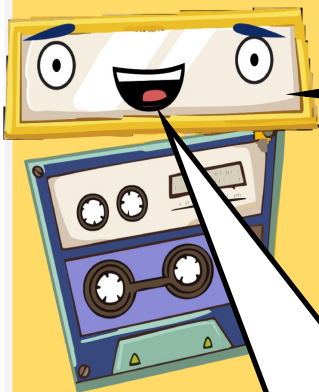






You may be able to get a bus pass. Then you just get on and scan your pass.

I can't do all this on my own.



Don't worry. Your parents, family or careers will help you.

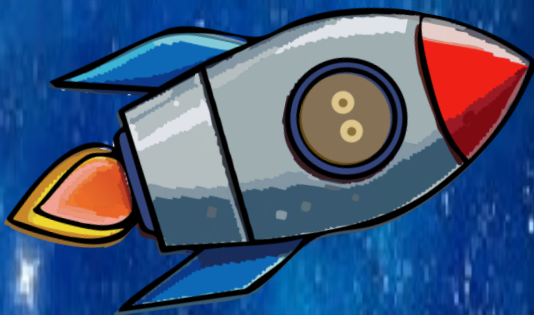
And one day I might be able to travel independently.

Yes, when you are ready. That's what travel training is for.



Well, that's the end of the second part of the comic.

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BUS PASS

BUS TICKET

PASSENGER
TICKET

DATE
TIME
FROM
TO

Bus No

Seat No

1234567890

DATE
TIME
FROM
TO

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Today we're going to plan a bus journey.

Where are we going?



Well, that is the first part of planning.

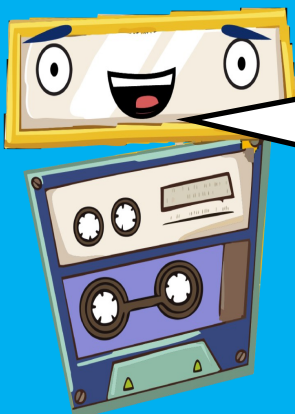


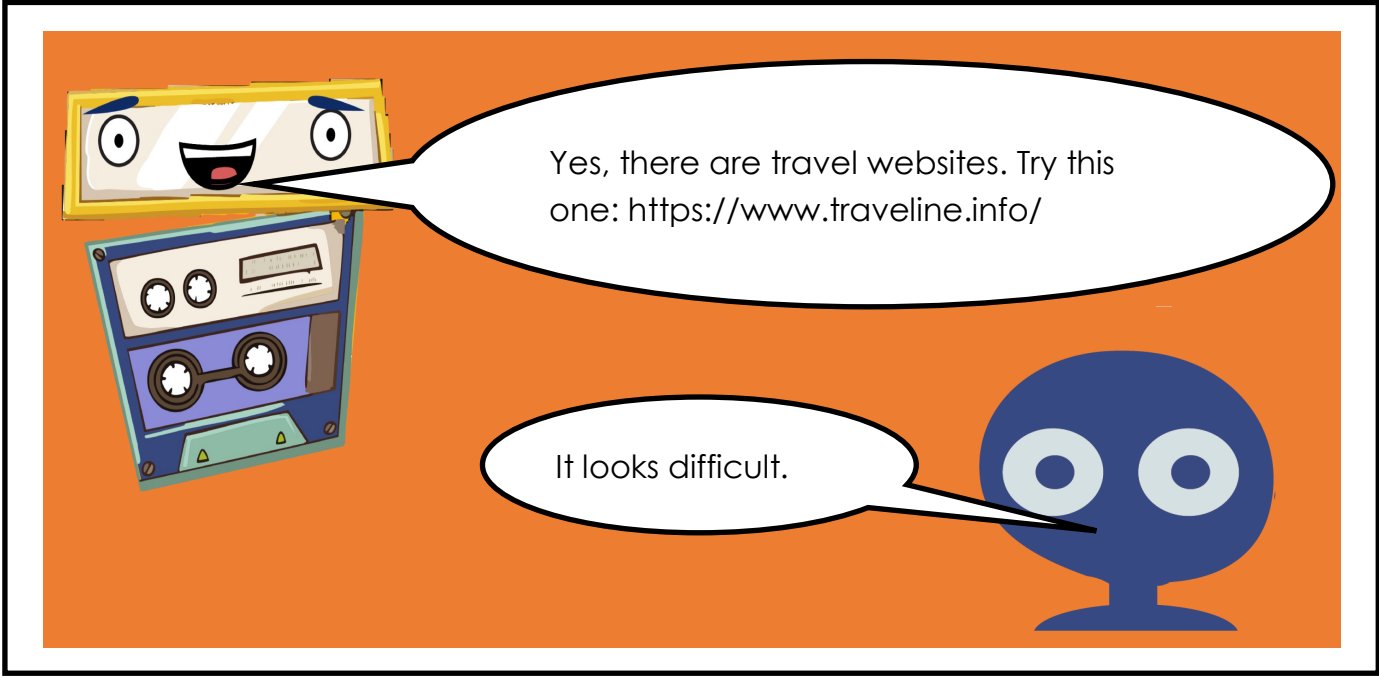
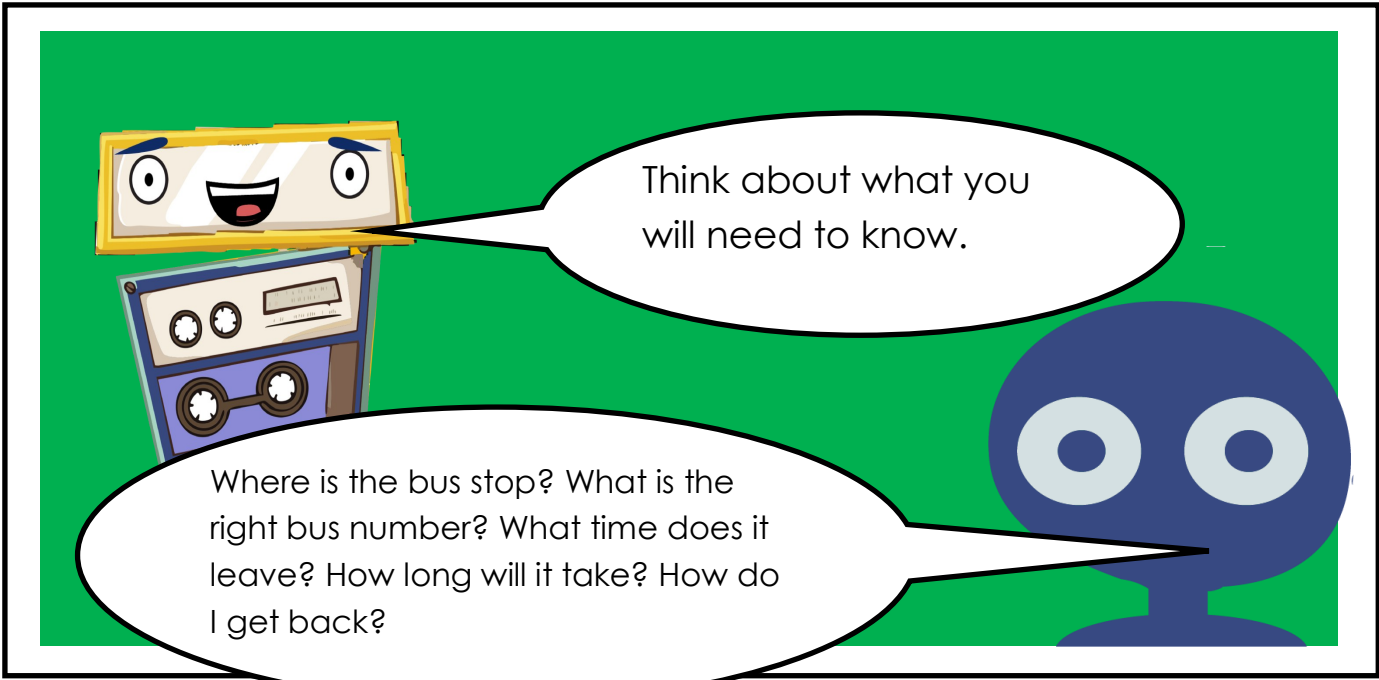
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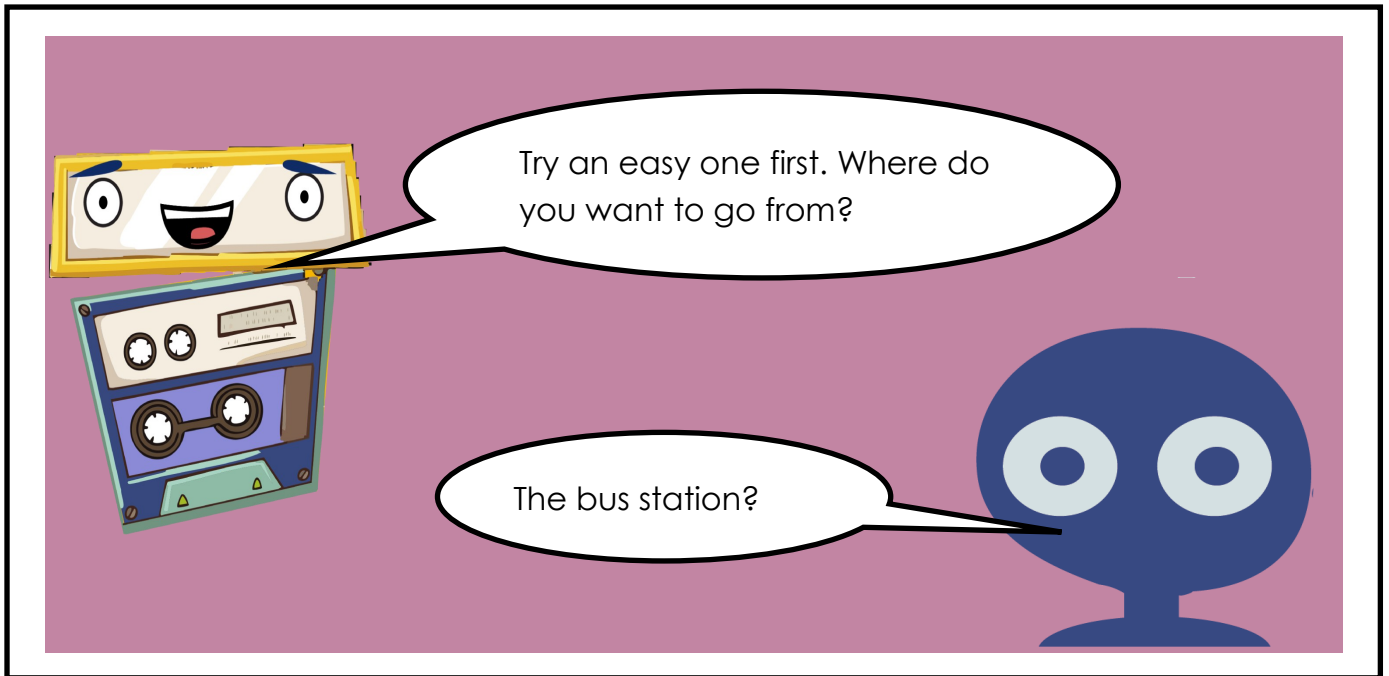
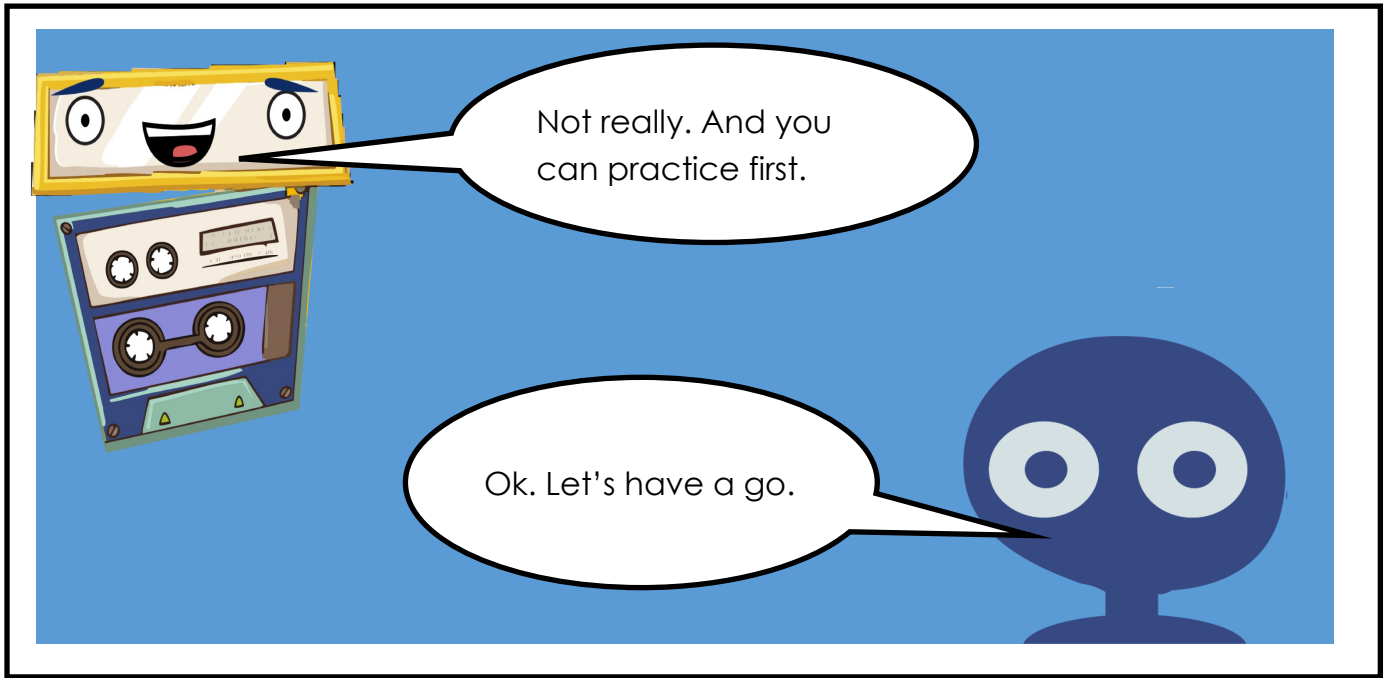


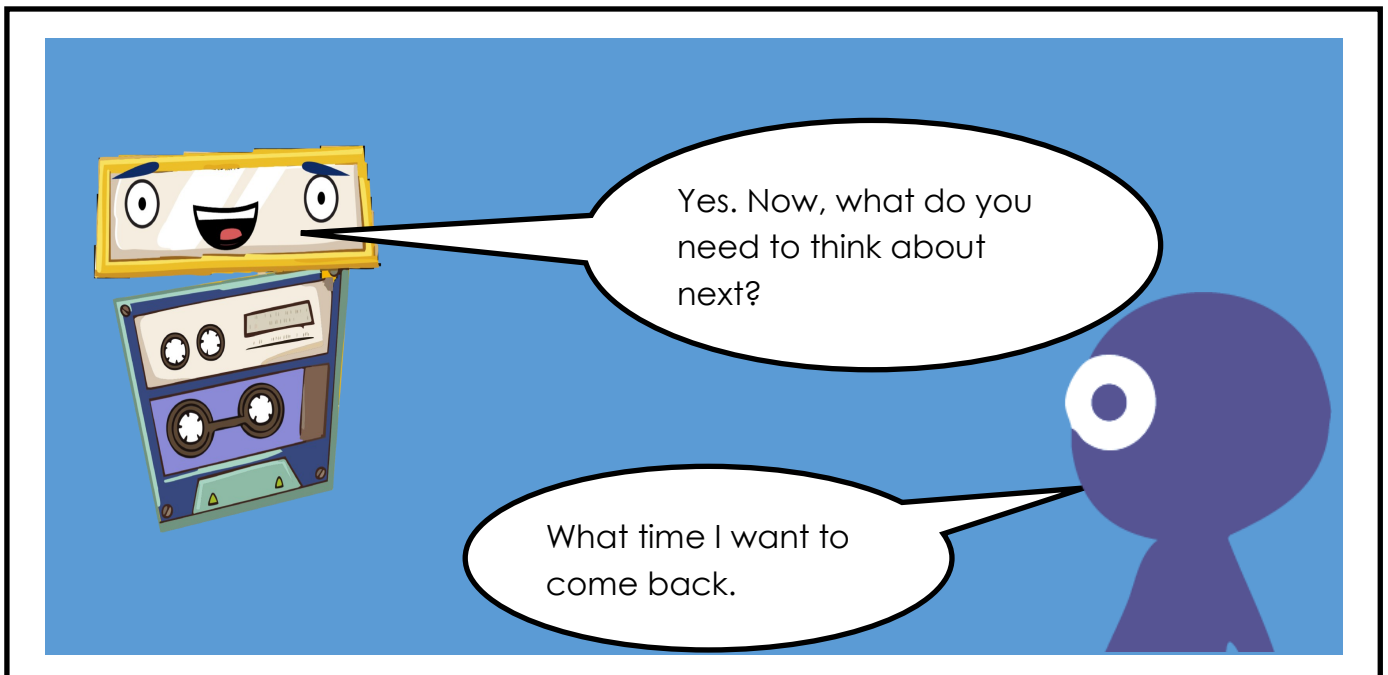
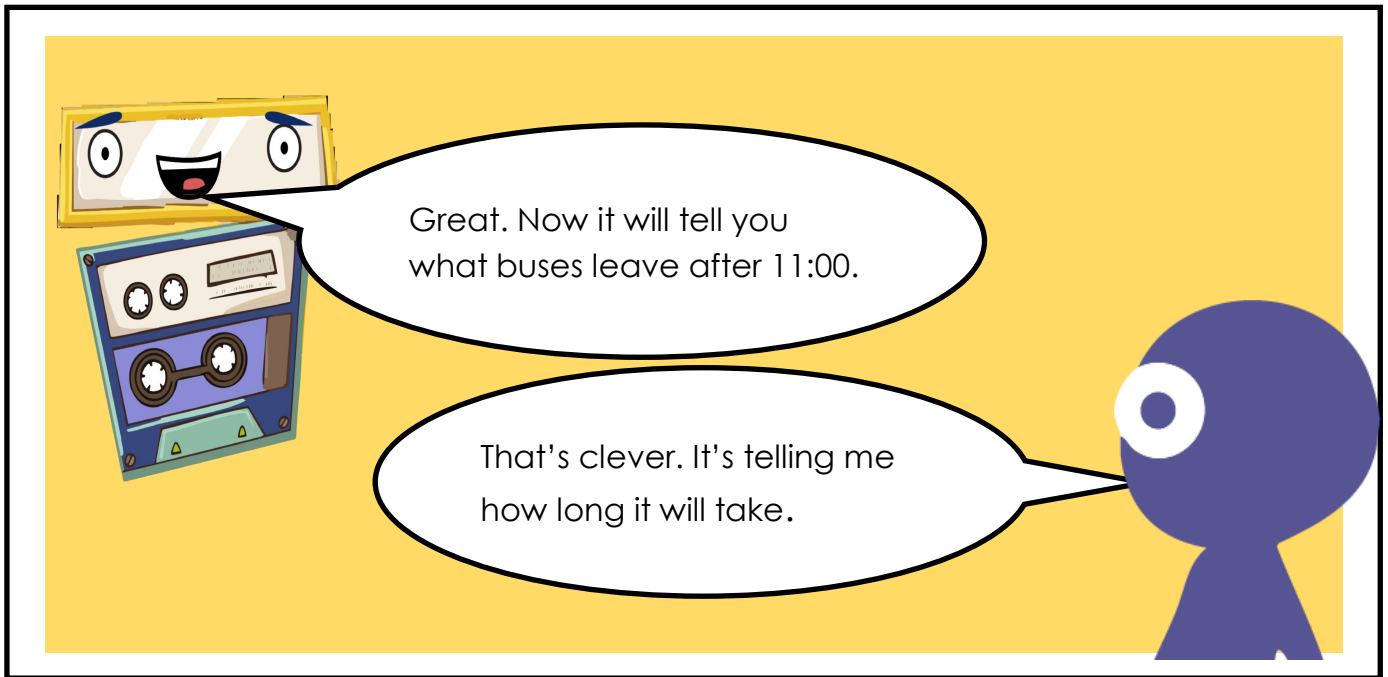
Before we travel, there are important questions we must ask.

What questions?







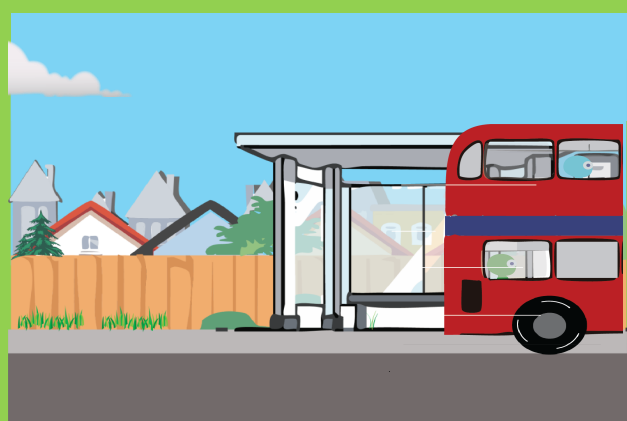


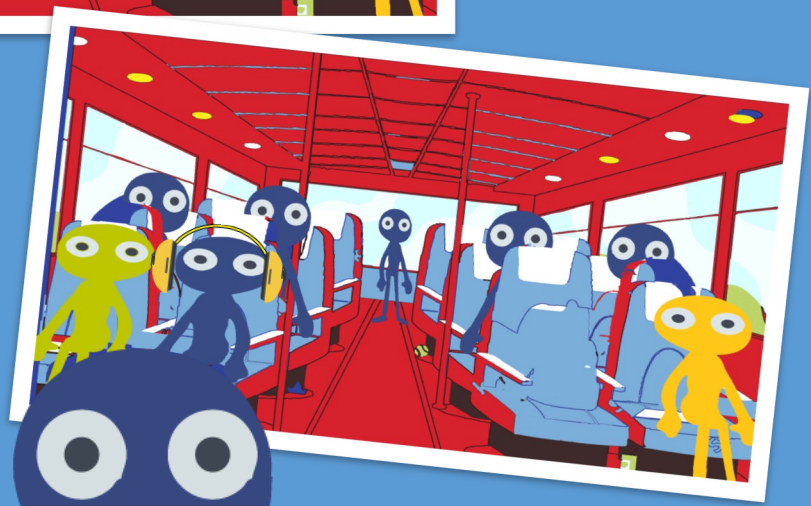


Ok. Now I can see why I have to plan.

That's right.

So, before we go anywhere, let's practice planning.

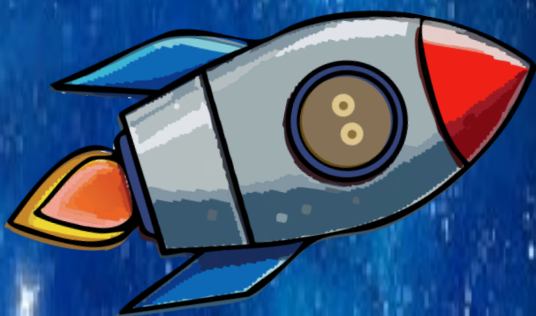




Things I need:
Phone
Bus Pass
Bus Ticket
Ear Defenders

Well, that's the end of Part three.
Part four will follow.

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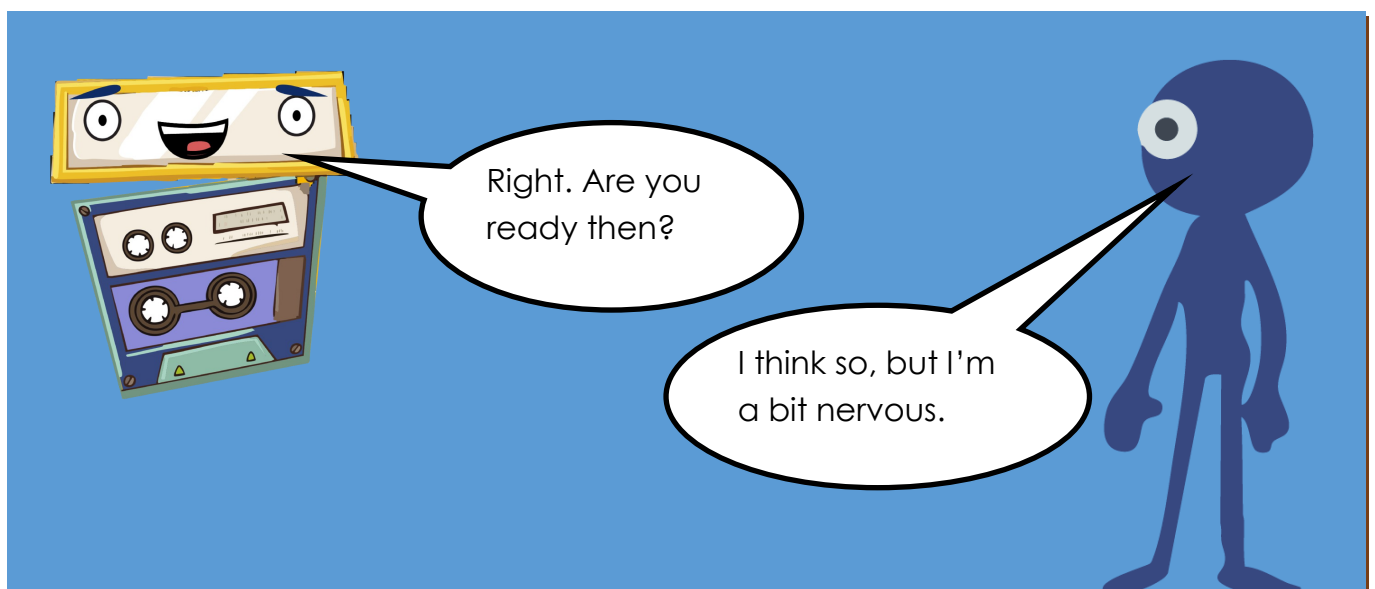
What else?

My phone in case I need to call someone. Ear defenders in case it is noisy on the bus.



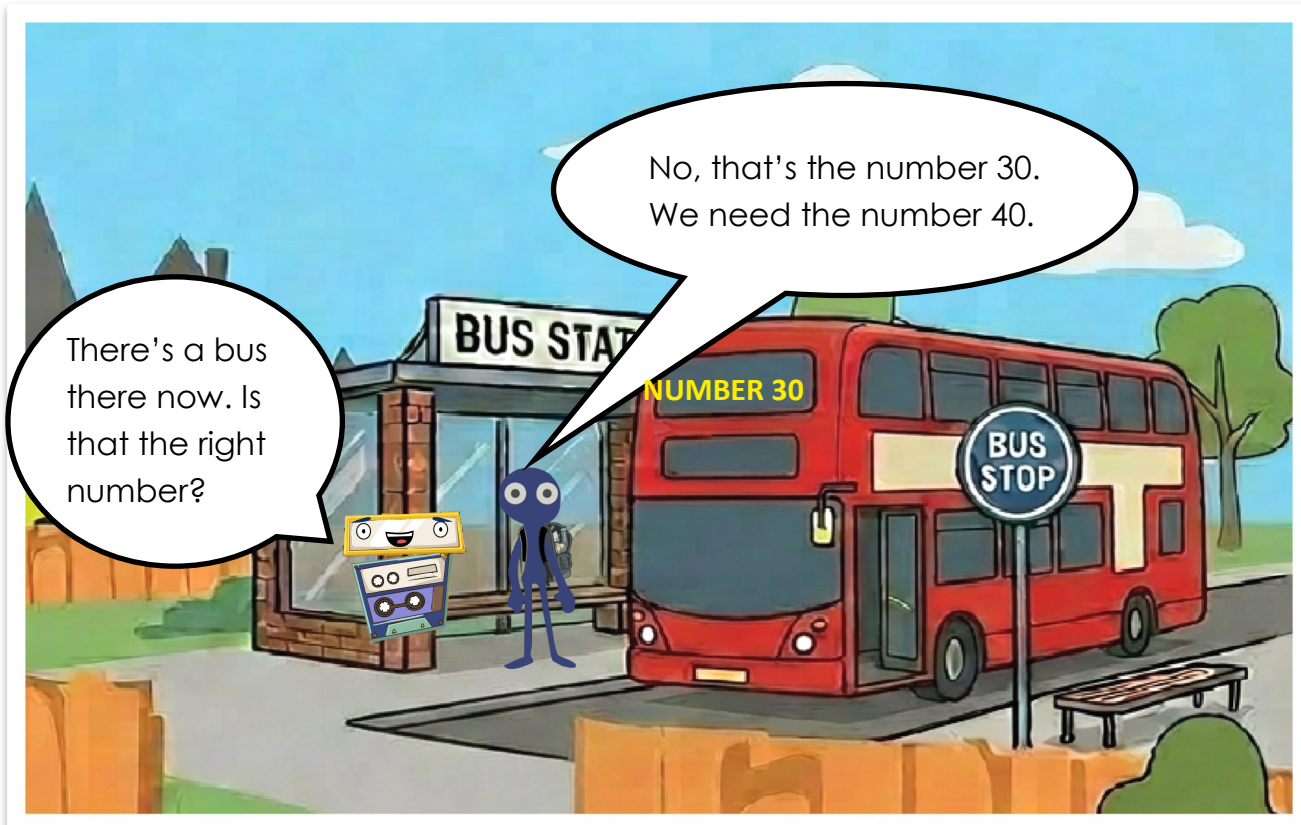
Good. Do you have money for lunch, or food to bring with you?

Yes. Looks a bit cold out there. I'd better wear my coat.



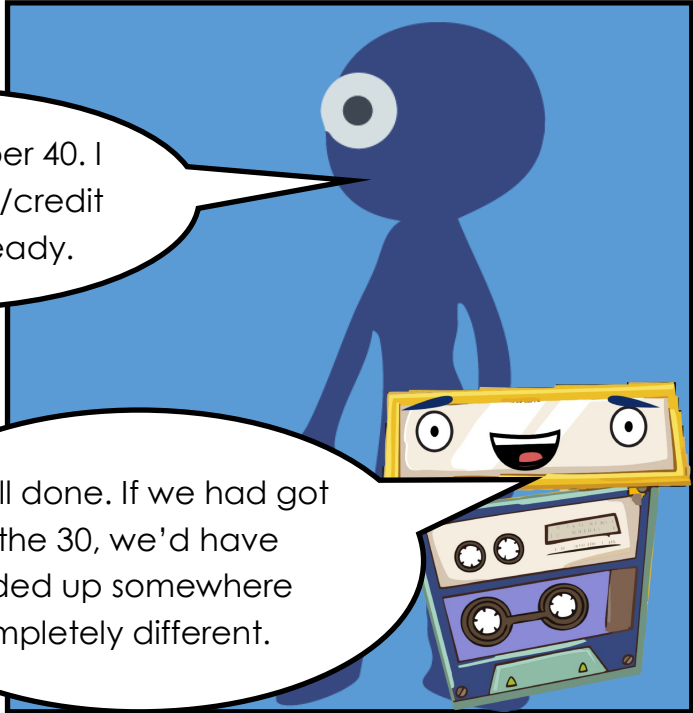
Right. Are you ready then?

I think so, but I'm a bit nervous.





Here's the number 40. I have my money/credit card/bus pass ready.



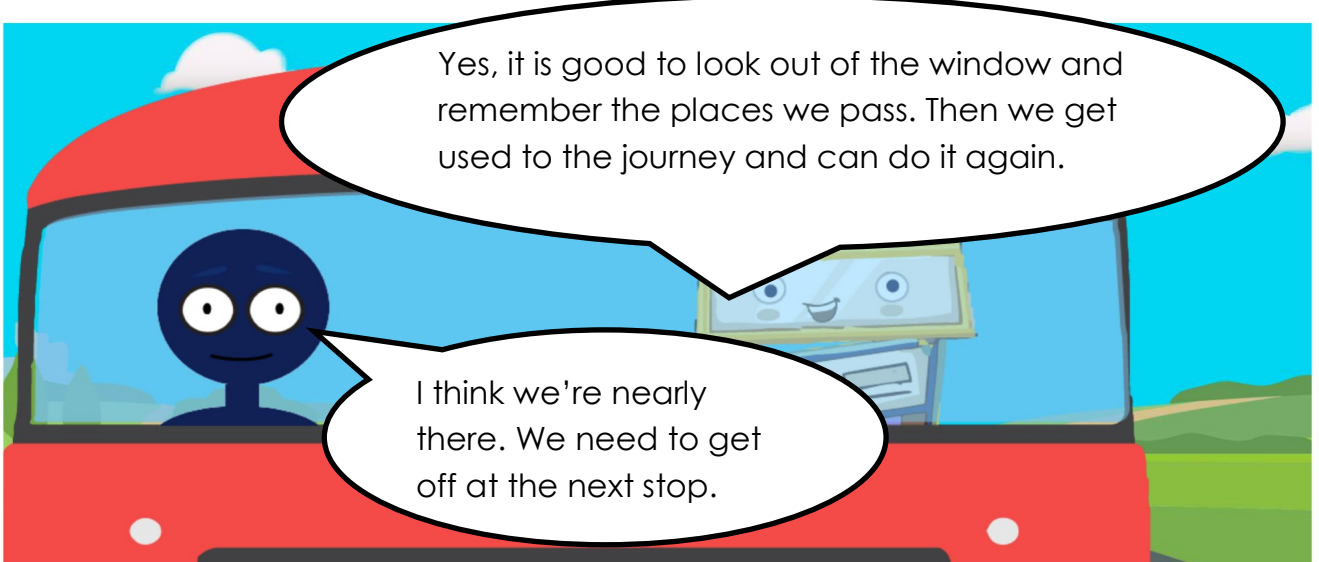
Well done. If we had got on the 30, we'd have ended up somewhere completely different.



Perfect. Don't forget to tell the driver where you want to go.

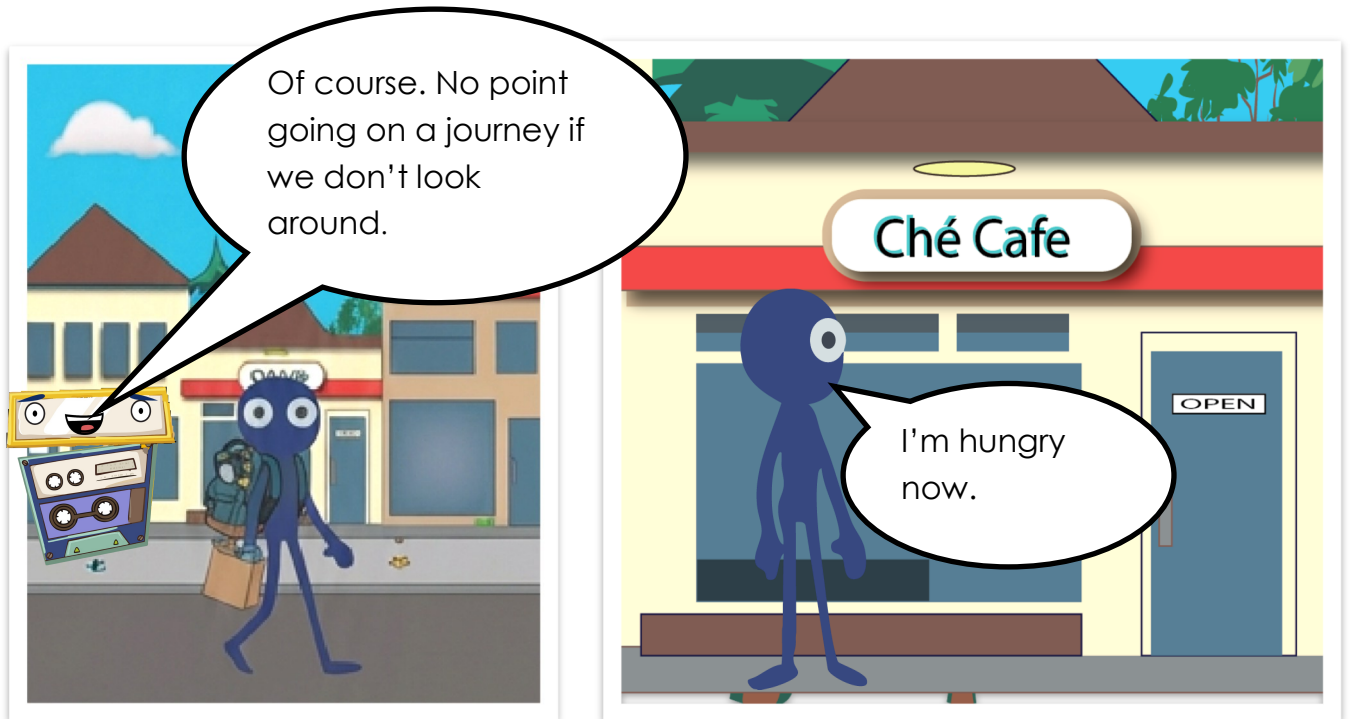
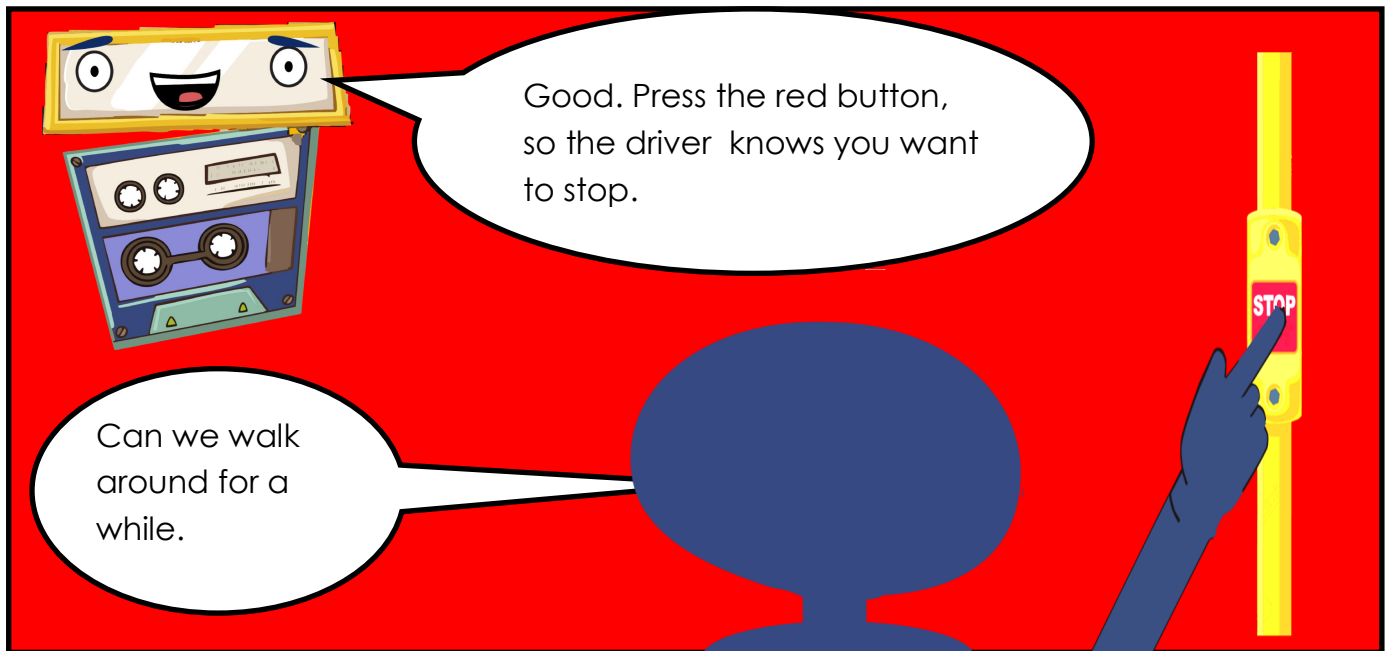
This is fun. We just passed my school.

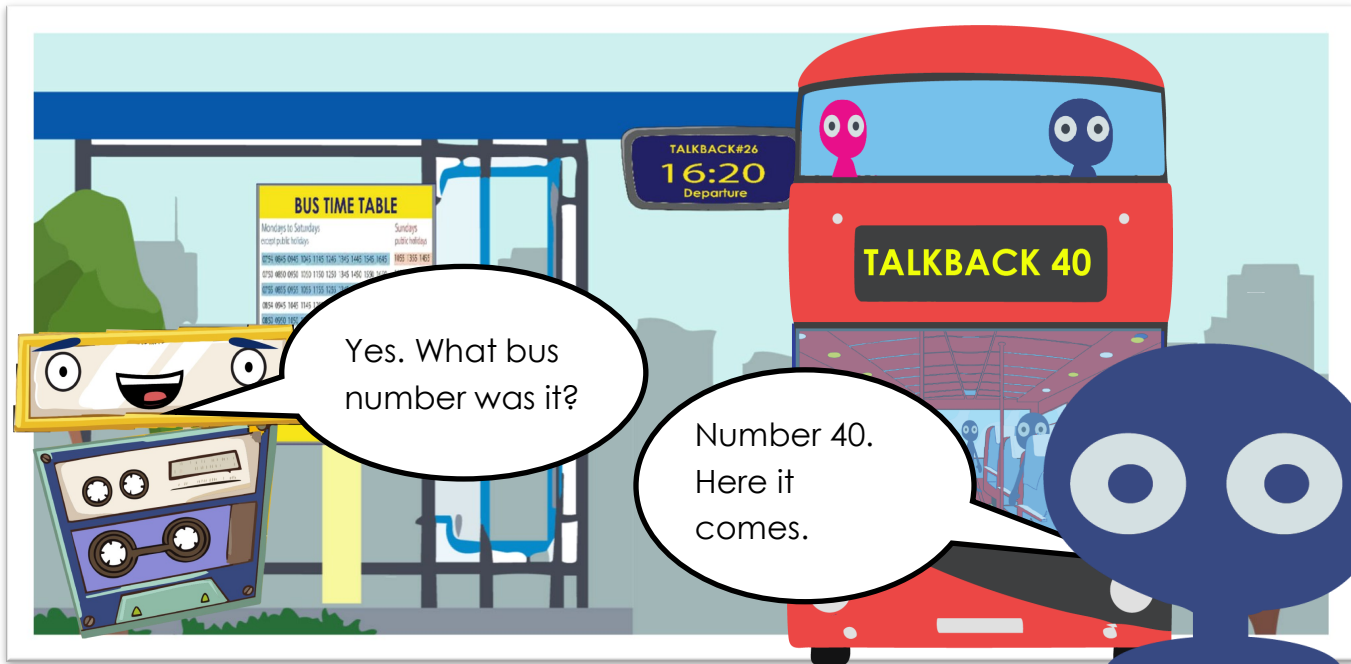
TALKBACK 40

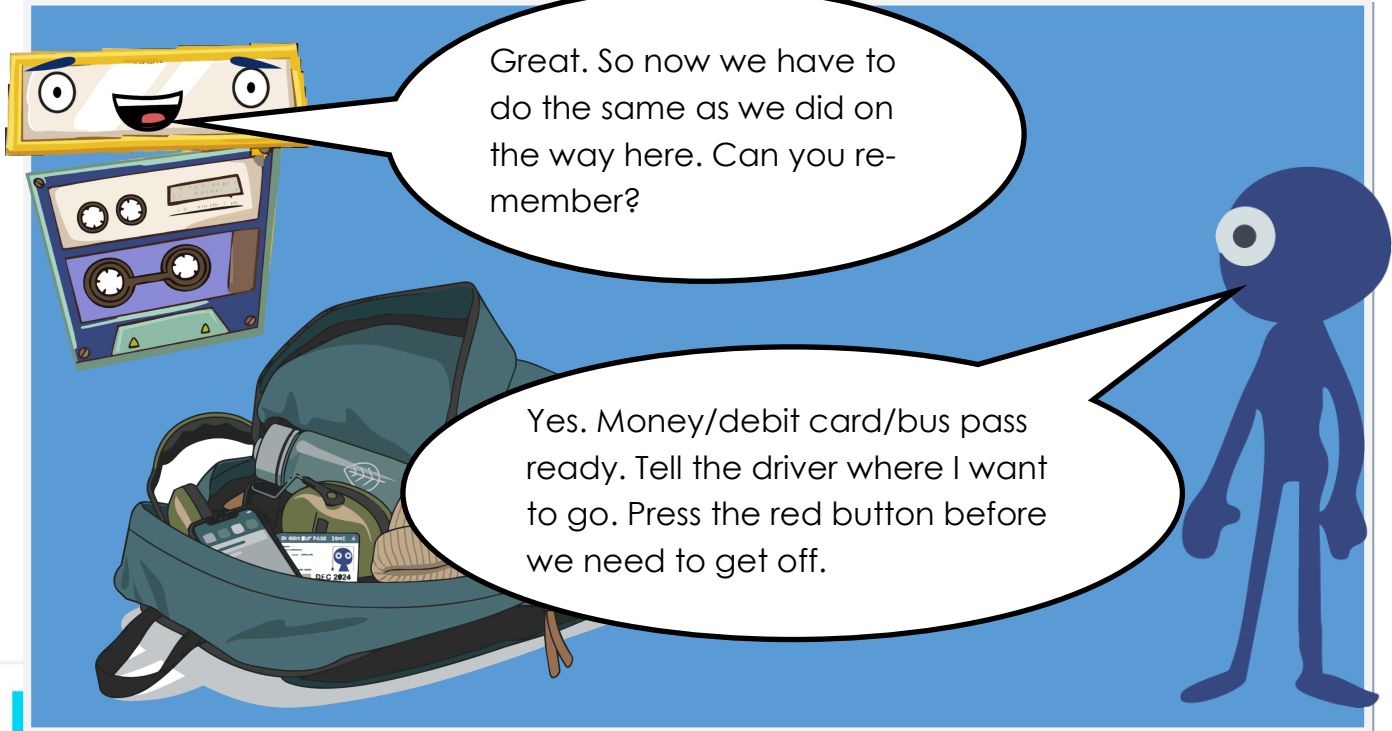


Yes, it is good to look out of the window and remember the places we pass. Then we get used to the journey and can do it again.

I think we're nearly there. We need to get off at the next stop.







Great. So now we have to do the same as we did on the way here. Can you remember?

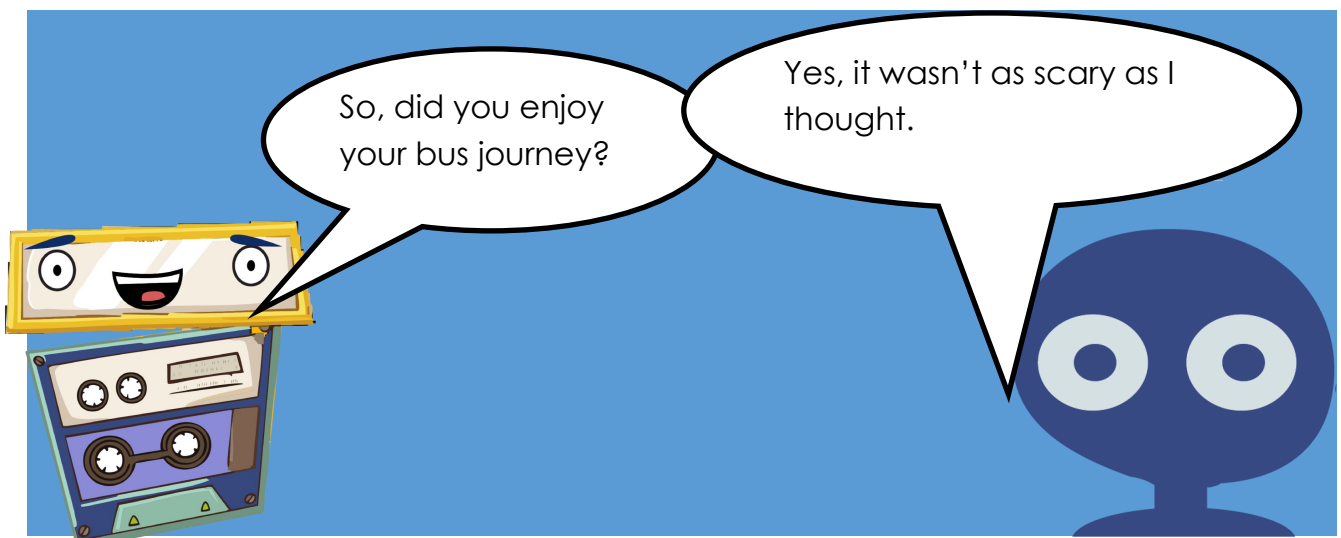
Yes. Money/debit card/bus pass ready. Tell the driver where I want to go. Press the red button before we need to get off.



Well done. You're doing fine.

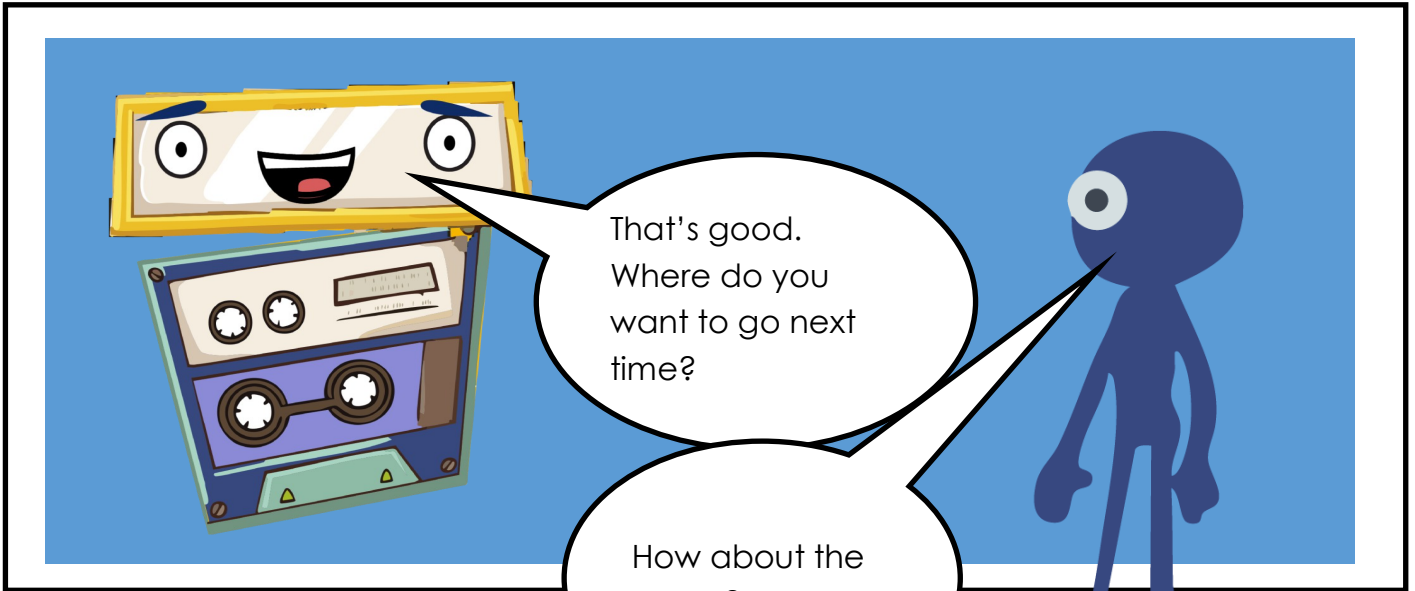
Look, there's my school again. It's nearly time to get off.

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So, did you enjoy your bus journey?

Yes, it wasn't as scary as I thought.



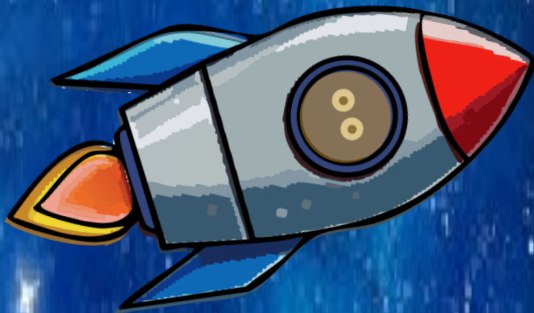
That's good.
Where do you
want to go next
time?

How about the
moon?



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