

French Knowledge Organiser – Transport

How do you describe modes of travel and transport?

Key questions:

- What are the names of different types of transport?
- How do you ask and answer questions about how you travel?
- What is a cognate?
- What are some key verbs and other phrases linked to travel and transport?


Aller : To go	
Je vais	I go
Tu vas	You go
Other phrases	
Bon voyage!	Have a good trip!
Il y a combien de vélos ?	How many bicycles are there?
Il y a deux vélos	There are two bicycles

Key Vocabulary:	
a bus	un autobus
a plane	un avion
a balloon	un ballon
a boat	un bateau
a ferry	un ferry
a helicopter	un hélicoptère
a submarine	un sous-marin
a train	un train
a bicycle	un vélo
a car	une voiture
a motorbike	une moto
on foot	à pied

"en" + mode of transport - when you get into it

en train


by train



à + mode of transport when you do not get into it

à pied

on foot




Tu vas où? - Where are you going?

In French, à + specific place, city or a town.

Je vais à Paris

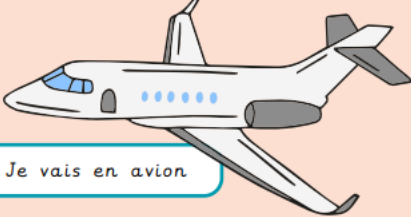
I am going to Paris



Tu y vas comment? - How will you get there?

Je vais en avion

I am going by plane



Je vais à Bruxelles en autobus - I am going to Brussels by bus

Je vais à Paris

I am going to Paris

Tu y vas comment?

How will you get there?

Je vais en avion

I am going by plane



Cognates:

A cognate is a word that is exactly the same in both French and English. A near cognate is very similar!

Being a good "language detective" and spotting cognates can help us work out the meaning of French words.