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How do you get to uni?

Today, once again, we'll talk to our friends from Adelaide University. We ask them about travelling between their homes and the university.

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**How do you get to uni?**

**ALEX:** **Usually bus** but sometimes by car.

**How long does that take?**

**ALEX:** By bus about 30 minutes, by car about 25 minutes.

**SAM:** **I take a bus.**  
That takes **about 30 minutes.**

**JASMINE:** Usually I just walk, just twenty minutes walk so it's no problem.

**SARAH:** I **usually bus** into the city from home or I either ride my bike and occasionally I drive in.

On the bus it doesn't take very long to come to uni. It usually takes about 20 minutes, car ten minutes and riding my bike it takes about 25 minutes.

**JUSTIN:** **I catch the bus** or **ride my bike.**  
**Approximately** 15 to 20 minutes.

**MELITA:** I catch the bus.

**MELITA:** **Normally** I drive to a bus interchange and then I catch the bus. It takes about ten minutes ? travels on the **O-bahn**. And I catch it home as well.

**SUSAN:** Sometimes I drive to uni and sometimes **I take the bus.**  
The journey takes about 30 minutes from my home to the university.

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#### story notes

##### **usually bus**

He means that most days he goes on a bus.

Here **usually bus** is a short way of saying **I usually go by bus.**

##### **I take a bus.**

This is one of the ways of saying **I travel by bus.**

See our spotlight for more.

##### **about**

the amount of time is not exact, only near or around

##### **30 minutes**

Now of course sixty minutes is an hour.

For thirty minutes, we often say **half an hour.**

And for 15 minutes, we say **quarter of an hour.**

##### **usually**

done often; the usual way I travel

##### **bus**

Here she's using the word **bus** as a verb.

**To bus** means to go somewhere by bus.

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### **I catch the bus**

This is one of the ways of saying **I travel by bus**.

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### **ride my bike**

This is the most common way of saying you travel by bike.

You can also say **I bike** or **I cycle**.

### **approximately**

the amount of time is not exact, only near or around

### **normally**

done often; the normal way I travel

### **O-bahn**

The **O-Bahn** is a bus system in South Australia where a bus runs on tracks like a train.

### **I take the bus.**

This is one of the ways of saying **I travel by bus**.

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## spotlight

### **Taking the bus**

Here are some of the ways we say that we use the bus to travel.

**I take a bus.**

He says **a** bus because it is probably one of many buses he could take.

**I take the bus.**

She says **the** bus to mean buses in general.

You can also say that you catch the bus.

**I catch the bus.**

Or you can say:

**I go by bus.**

or more formally

**I travel by bus.**

We also use these phrases for trains.

**I catch the train to work.**