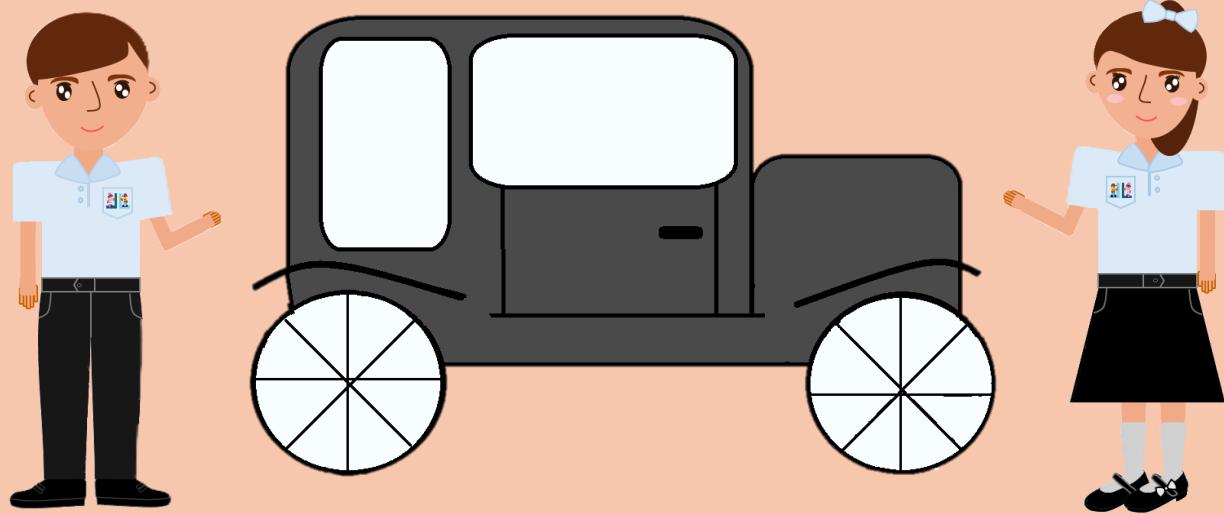
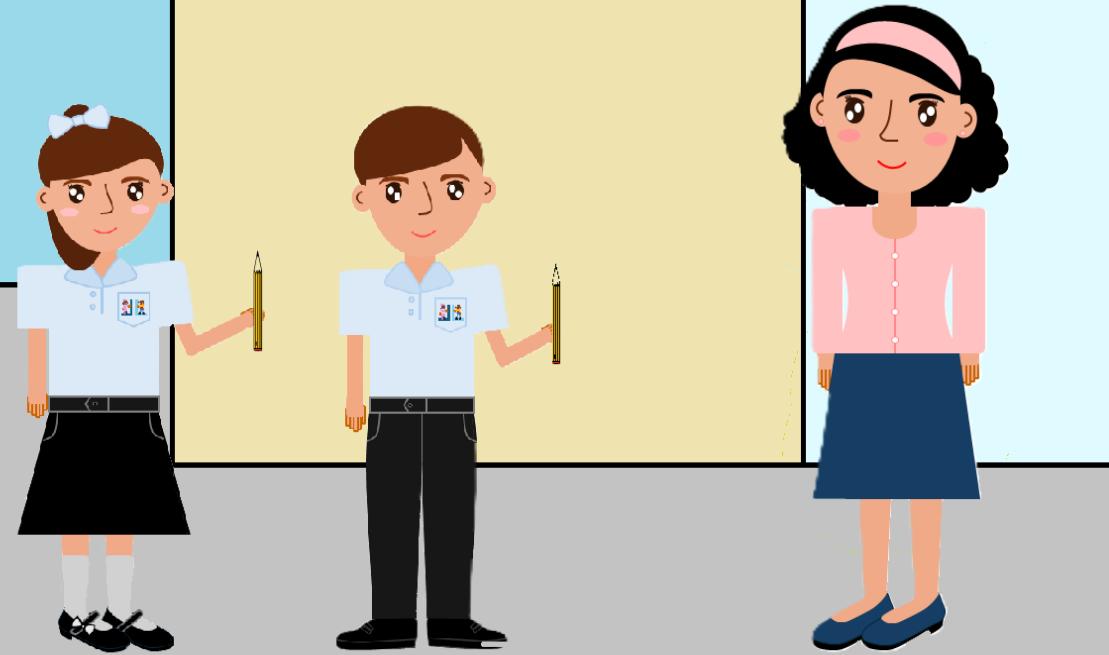


The Transport Museum



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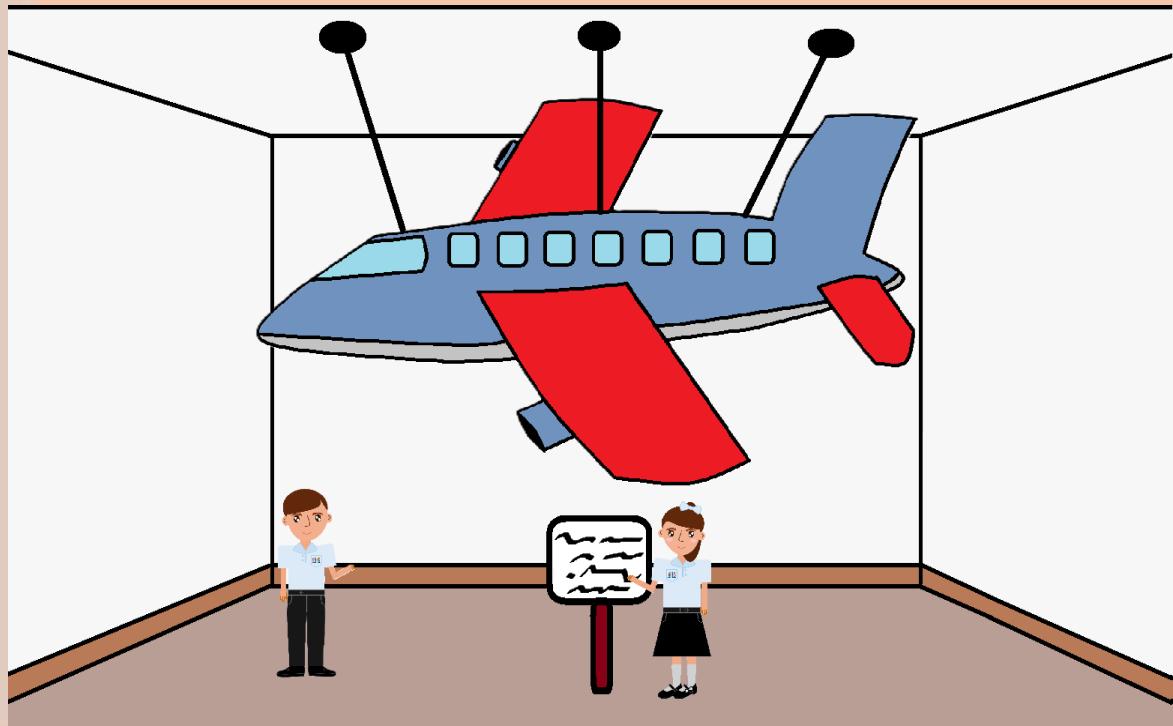


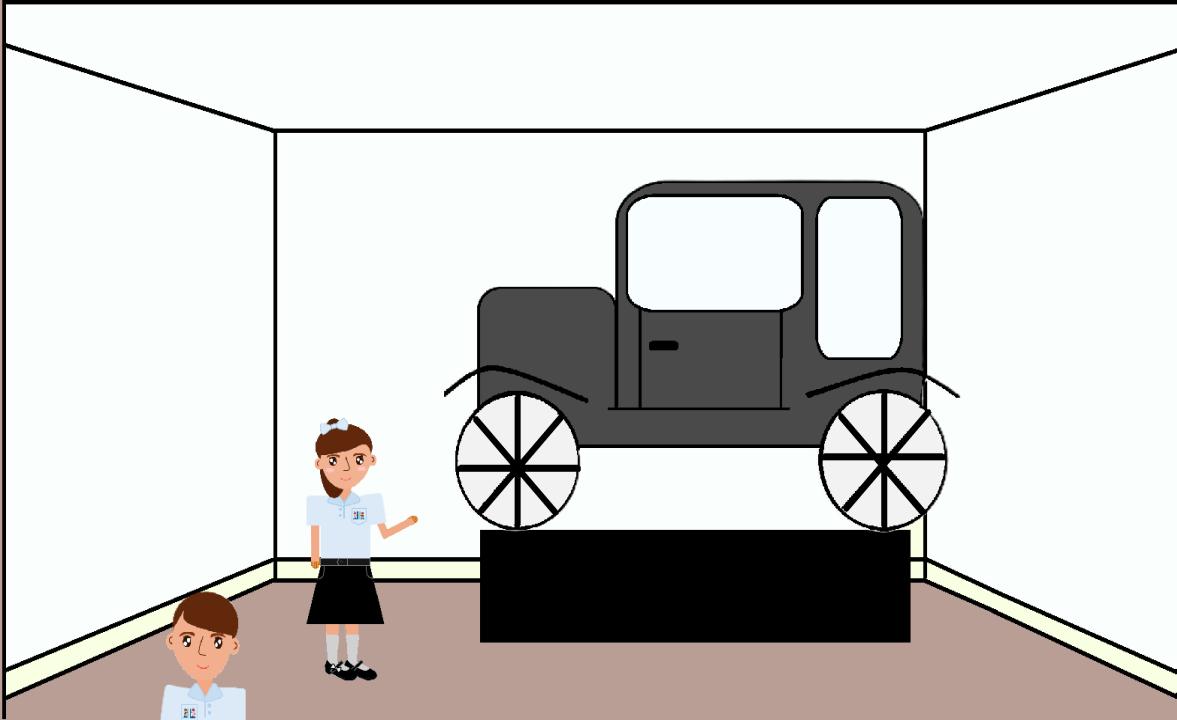
Lek and Luca were visiting the transport museum on a school trip. There were lots of things to see, including old cars and bicycles. Many of the exhibits had signs with interesting information, and the teacher wanted everyone to read as many fun facts as they could.

The first exhibit was about air travel, and Lek and Luca found the first information sign.

"Amelia Mary Earhart was the first female pilot to fly across the Atlantic Ocean solo," said Lek.

"Unfortunately, she went missing trying to fly around the world in 1937."





"I have a question," said Luca.

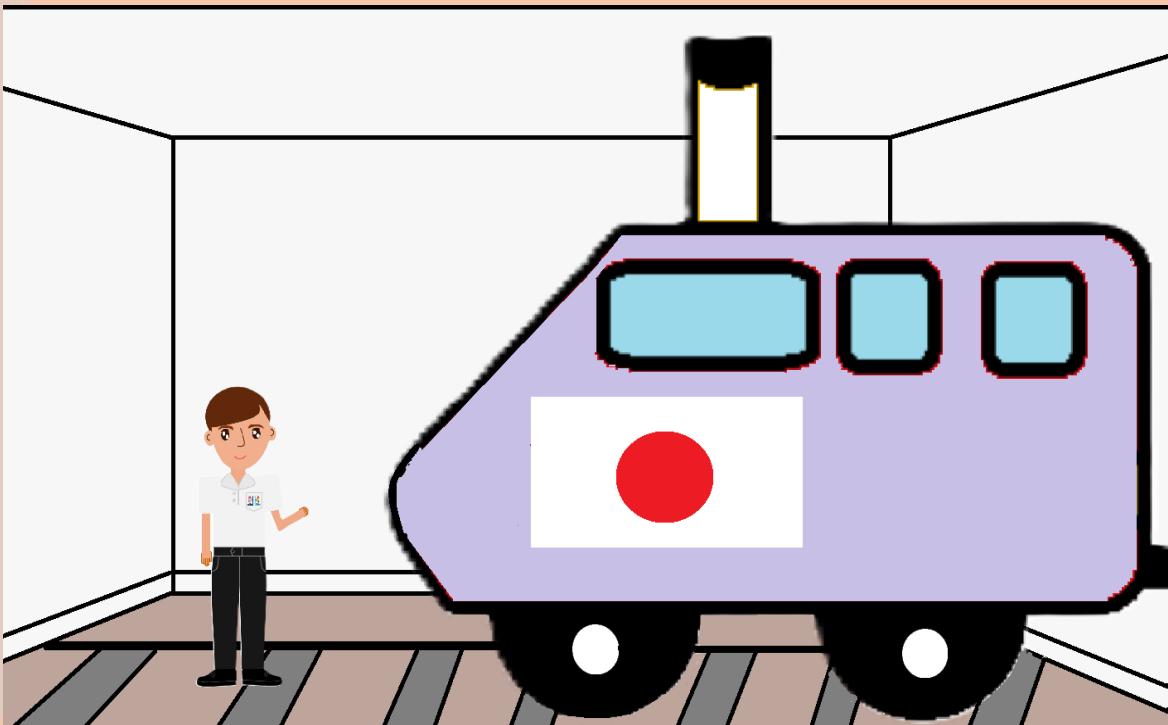
"Who invented the first modern automobile?"

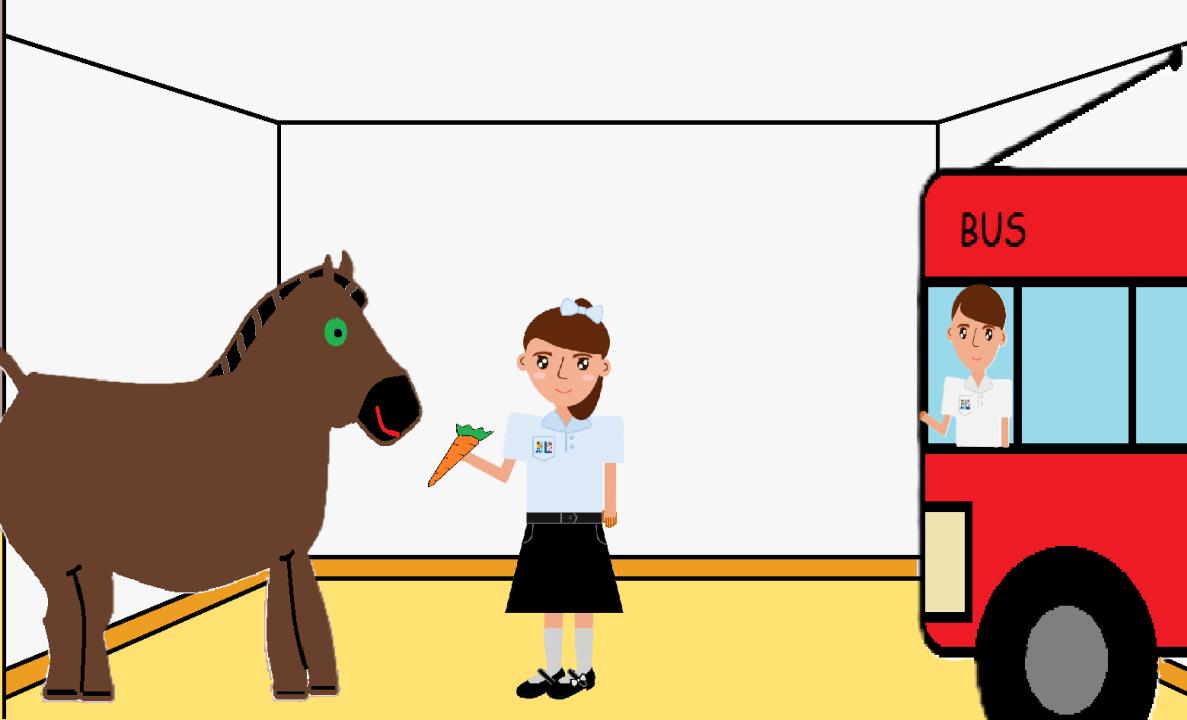
"It was Karl Benz in Germany," said Lek.
"But Henry T. Ford invented the Model T in America, which was the first car that most ordinary people could afford to buy."

In the next room Luca found a train.

"Old trains were powered by steam," he said, but nowadays they're electric. The fastest ever train was recorded in Japan and reached 375 miles per hour."

"That's very quick!" he exclaimed.



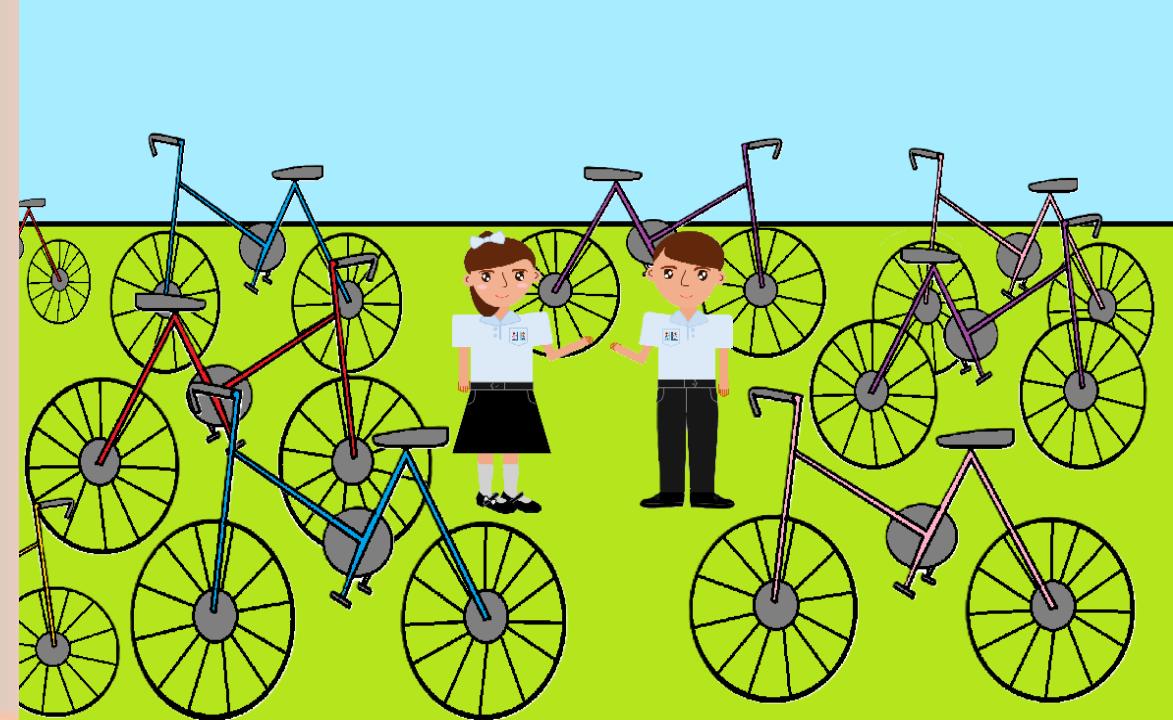


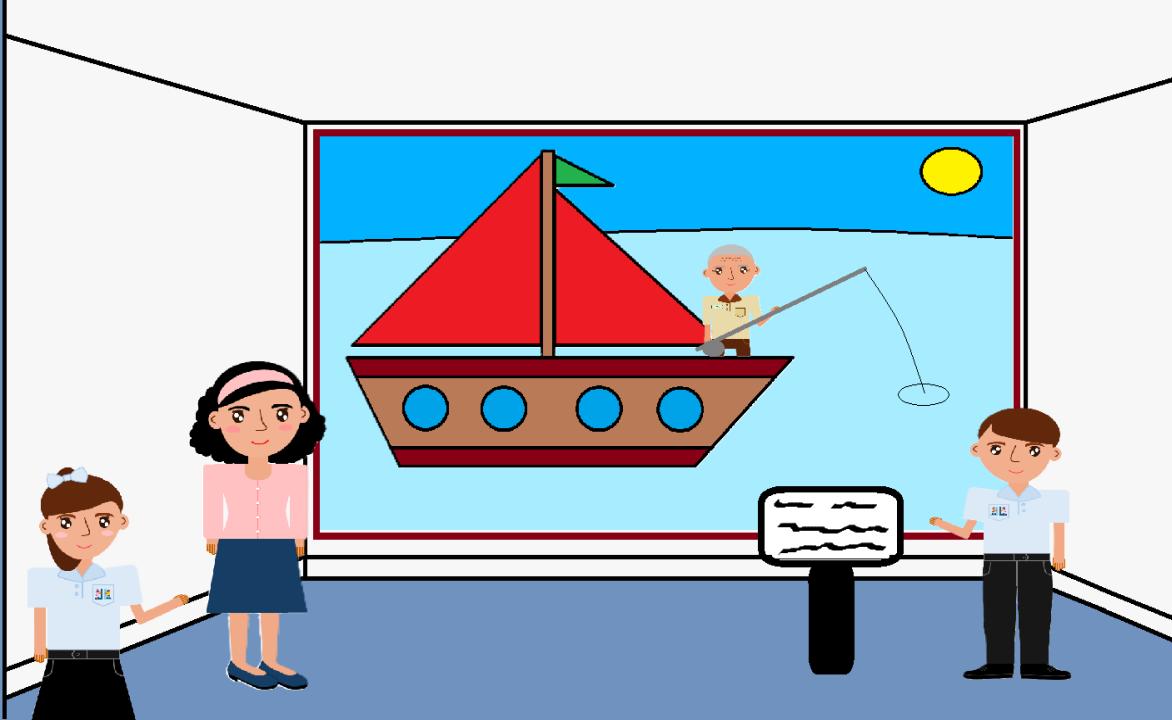
"Another way lots of people can travel together is on a bus," said Lek.

"Before engines were invented, people could travel in a coach pulled by a horse, and the more horses you had the faster you could go. It wasn't comfortable, but I bet it was fun."

"One of the cheapest ways to travel is on a bicycle," said Luca.

"That's probably why there are over one billion bicycles in the world. There are more bicycles than cars, and it's a lot healthier to travel on a bicycle. You get exercise, and it's great for the environment."





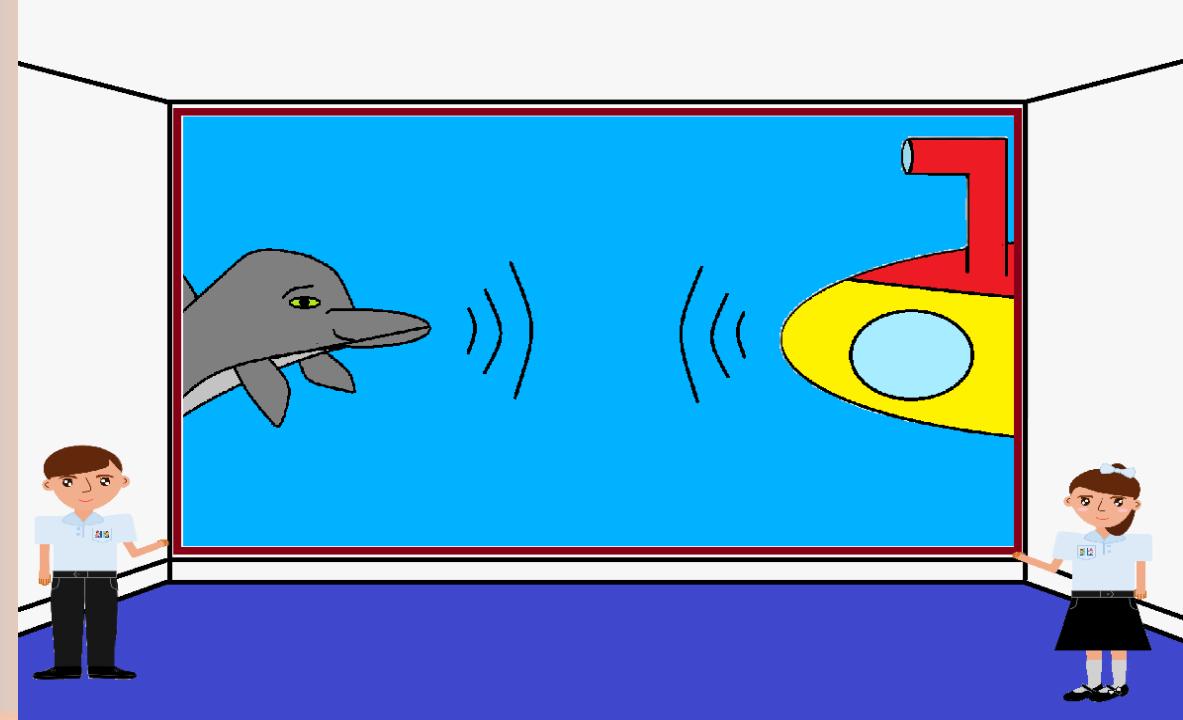
Everyone entered the next exhibit which was about travelling on water.

"Boats have been around for thousands of years, and in addition to travel they were used for fishing. This helped people get around and feed themselves, so the boat really is an amazing invention," said Luca.

"Even more amazing is the submarine," said Lek. "When submarines are really deep in the ocean it's not possible to see very far, so they use sonar to navigate. This helps make a map of what's around them."

"Dolphins use sonar too," said Luca.

"That's very clever."





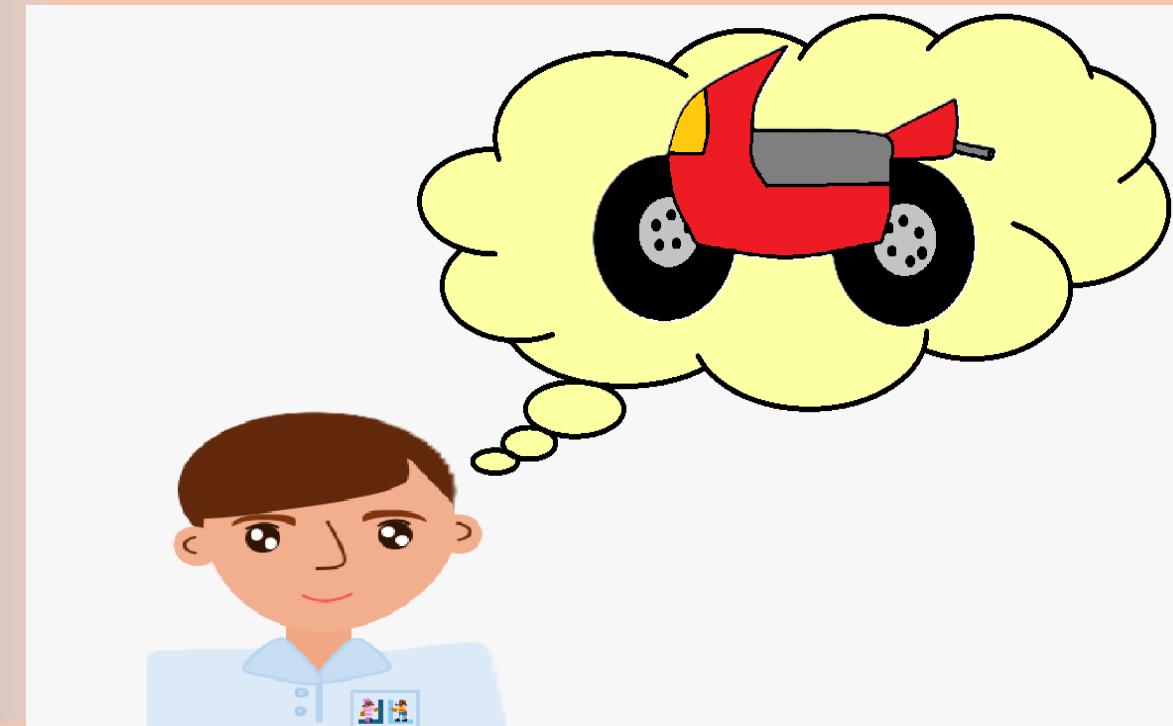
The school trip came to an end, and the teacher asked the class to line up.

"It's time to get back on the bus, but before you are allowed on the bus, you must each answer a question," she said.

"After seeing all the different types of transport in the museum, which one would you like to use?"

"I'd use a motorcycle," said Luca. "It's much faster than riding a bicycle and they look really cool."

"That's true," said Lek. "But you must be very careful and wear a helmet when riding a motorcycle."



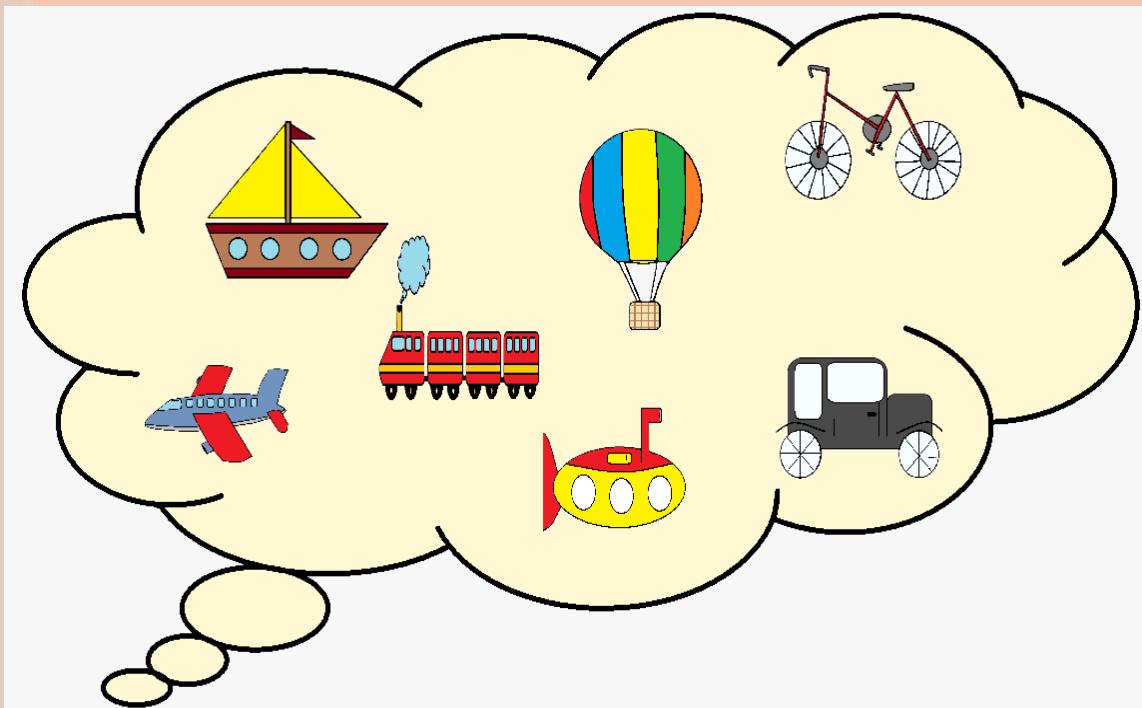


"How about you Lek?" the teacher asked.

"I'd like to fly high in the sky in a hot air balloon. They're silent and graceful, and you can see everything for miles around," she replied.

Now it's your turn.

How would you like to travel, and why?



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