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Unit 4: Speaking Skills — Urban Transportation Around the World

💡 Speaking Tip

Before you start speaking, think about the main ideas you want to explain. Organize your presentation into a clear introduction, main points, and conclusion. Use concrete transportation examples whenever possible, and don't worry if you make small mistakes. The most important thing is to communicate your ideas clearly and confidently using accurate tourism and transit terminology.

Useful Vocabulary

You may use some of the following words in your recording:

- Public transit network
- Mass rapid transit (MRT)
- Commuter rail
- Cable car / Gondola
- Ferry / Water taxi
- Tuk-tuk / Auto-rickshaw
- High-speed train
- Ticketing system / Contactless payment
- Micro-mobility (e-scooters, bikes)
- Urban congestion
- Intermodal hub

- Accessibility
- Sustainable mobility
- Transit-oriented development
- Traffic infrastructure

Useful Expressions

- Urban transit systems are organized to...
- Commuters in major metropolises rely heavily on...
- One unique transportation system is in [City/Country], where...
- Cities use cable cars/ferries to adapt to geographical challenges such as...
- This mode of transport is essential for...
- For example,...
- In my opinion...
- I find [mode of transport, e.g., Medellín's Metrocable] fascinating because...
- One key concept I learned in this unit is...
- I think sustainable urban mobility is vital for modern tourism because...

Self-Assessment Checklist ✅

After recording your audio, listen to it again and check your performance:

- ☐ Did I answer all four presentation questions?
- ☐ Did I speak for 2–3 minutes?
- ☐ Did I use international transport and tourism vocabulary from this unit?
- ☐ Did I organize my ideas smoothly using transitions?
- ☐ Did I speak clearly and at a natural, confident pace?

⭐ Optional Challenge

Imagine you are an experienced city tour guide training a junior guide on their first day leading a transit tour. Record one additional minute explaining:

- The local transportation system you navigate and your daily itinerary;
- The essential transit options or ticketing systems you use with tourist groups;
- How you handle unexpected delays or overcrowding (e.g., rerouting via water taxi, bus, or metro);
- How clear transit instructions and local mobility knowledge ensure a smooth guest experience.

Speak in the first person, as if you are leading the team!