Lesson 14 — Writing: An opinion essay

Name: _____ Class: 10 ____ Date: _____

34 useful words and phrases. Read each item, study the Uzbek meaning and the example sentence, then do the exercises.

A. Public transport: problems and solutions

#	English	Uzbek	Example sentence
1	**add to**	(muammoni) kuchaytirmoq	More and more cars **add to** the noise and dirty air in our city.
2	**offer a solution**	yechim taklif qilmoq	Electric buses **offer a solution** to the problem of dirty air.
3	**the government**	hukumat	**The government** plans to build three new metro lines.
4	**the public**	xalq, jamoatchilik	The new bus station will be open to **the public** from Monday.
5	**raise taxes**	soliqlarni oshirmoq	Nobody is happy when the government decides to **raise taxes**.
6	**a service**	xizmat, qatnov	The night bus **service** helps people who work late.
7	**leave the car at home**	mashinani uyda qoldirmoq	On Fridays my dad **leaves the car at home** and takes the metro.
8	**free of charge**	bepul	In some cities, buses for pupils are **free of charge**.
9	**take action**	chora ko‘rmoq	The city must **take action** to stop the long queues at bus stops.
10	**prevent**	oldini olmoq	Speed cameras help to **prevent** accidents on busy roads.
11	**environmental damage**	atrof-muhitga zarar	Old lorries cause serious **environmental damage**.

B. Writing an essay

#	English	Uzbek	Example sentence
12	**an essay**	esse, insho	Our teacher asked us to write **an essay** about public transport.
13	**a statement**	fikr, da’vo	Do you agree with the **statement** that the car changed the world?
14	**agree with**	…ning fikriga qo‘shilmoq	I **agree with** you — buses should be free for students.
15	**disagree with**	…ga qarshi fikrda bo‘lmoq	Many drivers **disagree with** the idea of closing the city centre to cars.
16	**a point of view**	nuqtai nazar	In the second paragraph, give reasons for your **point of view**.
17	**in favour of**	…ning tarafdori, …ni yoqlab	Most of my classmates are **in favour of** free buses for pupils.
18	**an argument**	dalil, asos	Each **argument** in your essay needs a clear example.
19	**the main idea**	asosiy fikr	The first sentence of a paragraph gives **the main idea**.
20	**state your opinion**	o‘z fikrini bildirmoq	In the last paragraph, **state your opinion** clearly.
21	**summarise**	umumlashtirmoq, qisqacha aytib bermoq	At the end, **summarise** your main points in two sentences.

C. Adding points

#	English	Uzbek	Example sentence
22	**to begin with**	avvalo	**To begin with**, the metro is much faster than the bus.
23	**in the first place**	birinchidan	**In the first place**, tickets for students should be cheaper.
24	**secondly**	ikkinchidan	**Secondly**, more buses would mean shorter queues.
25	**what is more**	ustiga-ustak, bundan ham muhimi	**What is more**, trains are more comfortable than buses.
26	**in addition**	bundan tashqari, qo‘shimcha ravishda	**In addition**, cycling to school keeps you fit.

D. Result, contrast and conclusion

#	English	Uzbek	Example sentence
27	**because of this**	shu sababli	Petrol is expensive. **Because of this**, many families use the metro.
28	**due to**	…tufayli, …sababli	The train was late **due to** the heavy snow.
29	**as a result**	natijada	Fewer people drive now. **As a result**, the air in the city is cleaner.
30	**on the one hand**	bir tomondan	**On the one hand**, taxis are fast; on the other hand, they are expensive.
31	**however**	biroq, ammo	Buses are cheap. **However**, they are often crowded in the morning.
32	**despite**	…ga qaramay	**Despite** the rain, we walked to school.
33	**in conclusion**	xulosa qilib aytganda	**In conclusion**, public transport must be cleaner and cheaper.
34	**to sum up**	qisqasi, umuman olganda	**To sum up**, I believe the metro is the best way to travel in Tashkent.

Reading — today's words in context

Read the text. The words in **bold** are from today's list — cover the table above and try to understand them from the sentence.

Model essay: people should use public transport more

There is no doubt that traffic **adds to** pollution. Public transport **offers a possible solution** to the problem, since many people can be transported in one vehicle. **The government** has a responsibility to encourage **the public** to use buses and the underground more. **However**, there are a number of changes which need to be made.

In the first place, public transport should be made free. The government should **raise taxes** to pay for the **service**. If it was free, most people would decide to **leave their cars at home** and travel by bus or train.

What is more, the service must be clean and reliable. People need to know that they can get to work on time. They also need to know that their journey will be comfortable.

To sum up, I would argue that a clean, reliable service which was free would encourage many people to use public transport. The government should **take action** now to **prevent environmental damage**.

Answer the questions in one sentence.

1. Does the writer agree or disagree with the statement?
2. What two changes does she ask for?
3. How would the government pay for a free service?
4. Which phrase opens her final paragraph?

Exercise 1 — Gap fill

Complete the sentences with one word or phrase from the list.

1. _____ begin with, public transport is cheaper than a car.
2. What is _____, the service must be clean and reliable.
3. In _____ to this, fewer cars mean safer streets.
4. As a _____, the air in the city is cleaner.
5. On the _____ hand, the metro is quick; on the other hand, it is very crowded.
6. To sum _____, I would argue that a free service would help.

7. Many trains were cancelled _____ to the strong wind.

8. The city should take _____ to stop traffic jams near schools.

Exercise 2 — Match the word with its Uzbek meaning

#	English		Uzbek
1	disagree with	a)	ustiga-ustak, bundan ham muhimi
2	offer a solution	b)	(muammoni) kuchaytirmoq
3	despite	c)	…ga qarshi fikrda bo‘lmoq
4	add to	d)	dalil, asos
5	an argument	e)	qisqasi, umuman olganda
6	the government	f)	nuqtai nazar
7	a point of view	g)	soliqlarni oshirmoq
8	raise taxes	h)	hukumat
9	to sum up	i)	…ga qaramay
10	what is more	j)	yechim taklif qilmoq

Exercise 3 — Your own sentences

Write 4 true sentences about yourself, your family or your school — one word from each section (A-D). Underline the word you use.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

Homework

1. Laser B1+ Workbook: esse rejasi.

2. Learn the 34 items with the flashcards: sozlar.com/vocab/cards/?set=grade10-lesson14

3. Write an essay: «Public transport in my town» (120–150 words).

Memory tasks (optional — choose one)

Students need to meet a word 5–7 times before they really know it.

1. **Sentences (tonight).** Write 8 true sentences using words from the list — at least one from every section.

2. **Flashcards.** sozlar.com/vocab/cards/?set=grade10-lesson14 — listen to each word, then test yourself English → Uzbek and back.

3. **Short text (100–120 words).** Use at least six words from the list.

4. **Speaking.** Tell a partner about the topic for one minute without stopping, using ten words from the list.

Answer key (teacher's copy)

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Reading questions: 1. She agrees — but only if certain changes are made.; 2. A free service, and one that is clean and reliable.; 3. By raising taxes.; 4. To sum up.

Exercise 1: 1. To; 2. more; 3. addition; 4. result; 5. one; 6. up; 7. due; 8. action

Exercise 2: 1-c 2-j 3-i 4-b 5-d 6-h 7-f 8-g 9-e 10-a