



Census at School is an international project which collects data from children in participating countries all around the world, and makes it available for anyone to look at.

The table below contains data that was collected from the first questionnaires in Autumn 2000 and includes responses from children in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. It shows how pupils travel to school:

Travel to school percentage table			
All data	Percentage of all pupils	Percentage of primary school pupils	Percentage of secondary school pupils
Total	100.00	100.00	100.00
Walk	37.90	43.31	33.60
Bus	22.55	8.05	34.10
Car	34.87	46.72	25.43
Cycle	1.89	1.17	2.47
Train/tube/tram/metro	1.79	0.21	3.06
Other	0.99	0.54	1.35
Excludes non responses			

Which is the most popular way of getting to school for primary pupils?
How about for secondary pupils?
Can you think of any reasons why these might be different?
Which is the most common way of travelling to school overall?
Can you explain why this answer is different again?
What do you think the 'Other' category means?
What questions would you like to ask about the data?

Conduct your own survey on how everyone usually gets to school, perhaps in your class or year group.
Present your results in a table, chart or graph and please send it in to us.

Compare your findings to those in the table (you might want to look just at the primary school or secondary school data, depending on how old you are).
How are your results different?
Are there any similarities?
Can you think of any reasons why your findings might be different or similar?