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## RIDDLE

Riddle: How many letters are in the alphabet?

Answer: 11 ( t-h-e a-l-p-h-a-b-e-t).

## Some useful Links

**Great website to learn new expressions** (use search function in top right side)

<https://www.phrases.org.uk/>

**Forms of public transport**

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Outline\\_of\\_public\\_transport](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Outline_of_public_transport)

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## Describe a new public building in your city

*We can talk about...*

Theatres / temples / churches / libraries / post offices / public schools / shopping malls / subway buildings / hospitals / business centres / transport hubs / courthouses

Let me tell you about a new bus station in my city...

**Knock down** the old one (=destroy)

**Brand new** = very new

**Spanking new** = very new

More words related to 'new'

<https://www.phrases.org.uk/cgi-bin/phrase-thesaurus/pf.cgi?w=new>

A huge **complex** = building (group of buildings)

**A handful of** (some / several) bus stops

**State of the art (=very modern)** transport hub (=transport centre)

On-boarding and off-boarding of passengers (getting on and off)

Automatic **vending machines** (=machine selling something, often food and drink) to buy tickets

User-friendly, digital interfaces

*To emphasise a comparison we can use 'much'. For example,*

'It is easier to walk than to run'

'It is MUCH easier to walk than to run'

*Another example,*

'In the new transport hub, it's much easier to find the bus than it was before.'

Instead of 'much' we can also use 'far' and 'way'

Far easier

Way easier

Way more convenient

Far more accessible

## Describe a trip you made by public transport

*What is public transport?*

‘travel systems available for use by the general public, typically managed on a schedule, operated on established routes, and that charge a posted fee for each trip’

*So we may talk about*

Trains / Buses / Coaches / Ferries / Ships /  
Planes / Taxis / Rickshaws

*You probably want to talk about something interesting that happened, as this will allow you to use a wider range of vocabulary.*

*For example, you might talk about*

Scenery

A delay

Unexpected event (e.g. someone fell sick)

An interesting conversation (with someone on the trip)

People we met on the trip

To **travel** (v.)

A **trip** (n.) (*usually from A to B and back to A*)

A **journey** (n.) (*Going from A to B and usually longer than a trip*)

To take a trip

To go on a trip

To go on a journey

To travel **by** plane/train/boat/ferry

To take **a** plane/train/boat/ferry

Wonderful **scenery** (=views)

**Breath-taking / mesmerising / eye-catching** scenery (=amazing)

**Impressive** landscapes

**Urban / rural** landscapes

Fields **dotted with** yellows and greens - from the grass and the trees

I could smell the **fragrance** of the **pin**es and **oaks** (=kinds of trees)

I was **amazed** / **gobsmacked** / **flabbergasted** by/at the wonderful views

To take snapshots (=photos) to capture the moment

Snow-capped mountains

Wide open **plains** (fields and valleys)

We got / were delayed by...

To kill two birds with one stone = to do two things with one action.