

Exercise walk-through

2.4

Journeys and Travel

GAC Academic English

Method — Key knowledge: retain the conditions when changing a text type

The **purpose** of a text determines what the reader needs to do or understand. A passenger message should make the next action easy to find. An academic comparison should support a point with evidence, rather than merely repeat a timetable.

Register can change between a friendly message and an analytical paragraph, but times, conditions and evidence limits must remain accurate. An **inference** is a conclusion supported by the text; it is not permission to invent a guarantee.

Method — Source A: text or task brief

Fictional field-trip brief: The group plans to visit the wetland centre on Saturday. Meet outside the school library at 08:10; the coach is scheduled to leave at 08:20 and return at 16:00. Students must obtain the teacher's permission before travelling separately. If heavy rain closes the boardwalk, the centre will offer an indoor workshop instead. The visit is not automatically cancelled. Bring lunch, water and a waterproof jacket. Tell the teacher by Thursday if you need access support.

Coordinator's comparison note: The coach allows the group to travel together on a scheduled service. Separate travel may suit some individual needs, but permission is required and the brief provides no comparative fare, journey-time or emissions data.

Method — Source B: response or review record

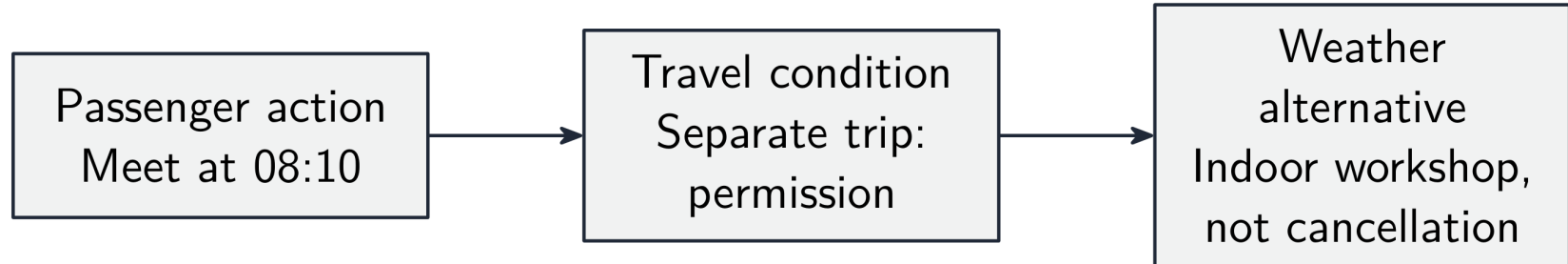
Message draft: “Come to the coach at 08:20. Anyone can travel separately without asking. Rain cancels everything. Lunch is provided, and the return time is guaranteed.”

Paragraph draft: “The coach is always the cheapest and greenest option. Therefore every student must travel on it, regardless of individual needs.”

Method — Worked example: a useful message preserves the distinction between meeting and departure

Known: the group meets at 08:10 before the scheduled 08:20 departure. Why preserve both times? A student arriving at departure time may miss instructions given at the meeting.

A faithful message is “Meet outside the library at 08:10 for the coach scheduled to leave at 08:20.” Scheduled return is a plan, not a guarantee. An academic comparison can discuss coordination and permitted individual arrangements, but cannot rank costs or emissions without data.



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Indoor workshop if heavy rain closes the boardwalk; teacher grants permission.

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Any three distinct corrections, B1 each: meeting 08:10; separate travel requires permission; boardwalk closure leads to indoor workshop rather than automatic cancellation; bring lunch rather than lunch provided; return 16:00 is scheduled rather than guaranteed.

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Compare travel arrangements analytically; group coordination versus permitted individual needs; comparative fares, times or emissions data are missing.

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3.1

Coach facilitates group coordination; separate travel may suit individual needs with permission; no unsupported universal ranking/requirement; explain absent cost data; absent emissions data; permission-based alternative contradicts every-student-on-coach claim.

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Local analytic rubric, $8 \times B1$: practical classmate-directed message; correct meeting and departure distinction; scheduled return without guarantee; lunch water and jacket; teacher permission for separate travel; conditional indoor alternative without automatic cancellation; Thursday access-support request; coherent truthful 80–110 word response. Example: “Please meet outside the school library at 08:10 on Saturday for the wetland visit. The coach is scheduled to leave at 08:20 and return at 16:00; these are planned times rather than guarantees. Bring lunch, water and a waterproof jacket. If heavy rain closes the boardwalk, the centre will provide an indoor workshop, so rain does not automatically cancel the visit. You need the teacher’s permission before travelling separately. If you need access support, tell the teacher by Thursday. Check the brief before making separate arrangements and keep the meeting time distinct from departure.”