DBH 2. MAILA   New English in Use (Student's Book)

BEFORE READING THE TEXT
1. Opinion question
2. Application question

1. Think about different means of transportation. In your opinion, which is the greenest type of transport? And which is the one that causes more air pollution?

2. Look at the text below. What type of text is it?
   Why do people write these type of texts?

Now read the following blog entry.

GREEN WHEELS >>>
>>> The blog about transport and a greener future

The 3D Express Coach

Cars cause air pollution. It's a simple fact. If fewer people drove cars, the air would be cleaner. If more people drive cars, pollution will increase. So what do you do in a huge country like China? China has
5 got the largest population in the world. It has got 120 large cities with more than a million people in each one. There are already about 200 million cars, lorries, buses and motorbikes on the roads in China. Unless the experts' predictions about its growing population are wrong, the number of vehicles there will increase
10 to about a billion by the year 2050. The effect on air pollution will be disastrous. Electric vehicles are one possible solution to this problem, and China already produces millions of electric bicycles. But electric bikes can't replace public transport like trains and buses. In order to do that, you need the 3D Express Coach. What is it? It's a giant bus. It runs on electric and solar power, and it travels
15 over traffic – not in it. Shenzhen Hashi Future Parking Equipment had the idea for this amazing invention. The 3D Express Coach will be 6 metres wide and 4.5 metres tall, and it'll have room for more than a thousand people! According to the director of Shenzhen, it will save up to 860 tons
20 of fuel a year. Green Wheels likes that!

English in Use

In English, a thousand million = a billion (1,000,000,000)

THE 3D EXPRESS COACH vs THE LONDON DOUBLE-DECKER BUS

3D EXPRESS COACH	LONDON DOUBLE-DECKER BUS
> Passengers: 1,400	> Passengers: 128
> Speed: 60 km/hour	> Speed: 15 km/hour in traffic
> Fuel: Electricity and solar power	> Fuel: Diesel

1. What do the following numbers in the text refer to?

   a. 120
   b. 200 million
   c. 6
   d. 4.5
   e. 860

AFTER READING THE TEXT

1. Inferential question
2. Literal question
3. Inferential question
4. Inferential question
5. Inferential question

1. Read the blog entry again. How is the 3D Express Coach good for the environment?

2. Which FOUR questions does the blog entry answer? Circle and answer them.

   1. What is the population of China today?
   2. How many vehicles do experts think the Chinese will drive by the year 2050?
   3. What type of electric vehicle do the Chinese make now?
   4. Where does the 3D Express Coach drive?
   5. Which company designed the 3D Express Coach?
   6. When will the 3D Express Coach start transporting passengers?

3. Look at the chart in the blog entry. Why is the 3D Express Coach better than the London double-decker bus? Give three reasons.

4. Find words in the text to match the definitions below.

     1. become bigger than before (lines 5-10)

     2. extremely bad (lines 6-10)

     3. be a substitute for (11-15)

     4. energy from the sun (lines 11-15)

     5. how fast something moves (chart)

5. A text often includes synonyms instead of repeating the same word. How many synonyms
    for the word *big* can you find in the blog entry? Write them.