

## Week 26

# Should Cities Limit the Number of Cars on Busy Roads?

Many large cities around the world struggle with heavy traffic congestion. (11) Long lines of vehicles often fill roads during busy morning hours. (22) Evening travel can be just as crowded in many city centres. (33) Heavy congestion slows travel and increases frustration for many drivers. (43) Some experts believe cities should limit the number of cars allowed daily. (55) They argue that fewer vehicles could improve traffic flow across major roads. (67) Emergency vehicles might reach accidents more quickly with clearer streets. (77) Reducing traffic could also lower air pollution in crowded areas. (87) Cleaner air may improve health for people living near busy roads. (98) However, some people worry about limiting personal travel choices. (107) Workers who depend on cars might struggle to reach workplaces. (117) Public transport must be reliable before strict limits are introduced. (127) Cities may need to expand bus routes and train services. (137) Safe cycling lanes can provide another option for daily travel. (147) Some cities test number plate systems to control driving days. (157) These systems allow certain vehicles to travel on specific dates. (167) Reports from several cities show traffic levels decreasing gradually. (176) Officials often review results before making permanent transportation rules. (185) Different cities choose solutions based on their population size. (194) Many urban areas continue testing new ways to manage traffic flow. (205)

**Total Words: 205**

## Comprehension Questions

1. Why do some experts believe cities should limit the number of cars?
2. What changes must cities make before limiting car use successfully?
3. What does the word **congestion** most nearly mean?
  - a) crowded traffic
  - b) open road
  - c) fast movement
  - d) quiet street
4. Why do different cities test different traffic solutions instead of using only one plan?