

commuter[kə'mju:tə] *n*

1. 1) житель пригорода, работающий в городе и ежедневно едущий на работу поездом, автобусом *и т. п.*
 - 2) владелец сезонного *или* льготного билета
 2. самолёт местной авиалинии
- commuter airline - местная авиалиния

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com·muter [**commuter commuters**] *BrE* [kə'mju:tə(j)] *NAme* [kə'mju:tə]**noun**

a person who travels into a city to work each day, usually from quite far away

- The five o'clock train is always packed with commuters.
- (**BrE**) the **commuter belt** (= the area around a city where people live and from which they travel to work in the city)

Culture:**commuting**

Commuting is the practice of travelling a long distance to a town or city to work each day, and then travelling home again in the evening. The word **commuting** comes from **commutation ticket**, a US rail ticket for repeated journeys, called a **season ticket** in Britain. Regular travellers are called **commuters**.

The US has many commuters. A few, mostly on the East Coast, commute by train or subway, but most depend on the car. Some leave home very early to avoid the traffic jams, and sleep in their cars until their office opens. Many people accept a long trip to work so that they can live in quiet **bedroom communities** away from the city, but another reason is ' **white flight** '. In the 1960s most cities began to **desegregate** their schools, so that there were no longer separate schools for white and black children. Many white families did not want to send their children to **desegregated** schools, so they moved to the **suburbs**, which have their own schools, and where, for various reasons, few black people live.

Millions of people in Britain commute by car or train. Some spend two or three hours a day travelling, so that they and their families can live in **suburbia** or in the countryside. Cities are surrounded by **commuter belts**. Part of the commuter belt around London is called the **stockbroker belt** because it contains houses where rich business people live. Some places are **dormitory towns**, because people sleep there but take little part in local activities.

Most commuters travel to and from work at the same time, causing the morning and evening **rush hours**, when buses and trains are crowded and there are **traffic jams** on the roads. Commuters on trains rarely talk to each other and spend their journey reading, sleeping or using their **mobile phones**. Increasing numbers of people now work at home some days of the week, linked to their offices by computer, a practice called **telecommuting**.

Cities in both Britain and the US are trying to reduce the number of cars coming into town each day. Some companies encourage **car pooling** (called **car sharing** in Britain), an arrangement for people who live and work near each other to travel together. Some US cities have a public service that helps such people to contact each other, and traffic lanes are reserved for car-pool vehicles. But cars and petrol/gas are cheap in the US, and many people prefer to drive alone because it gives them more freedom. Many cities have **park-and-ride** schemes, car parks on the edge of the city from which buses take drivers into the centre. In Britain in 2003 a scheme called **congestion charging** was introduced in London to make people who drive in the city centre pay a **congestion charge**.

Example Bank:

- A group of regular commuters were playing cards.
- About a million commuters use the rail network every day.
- Commuter services are under a greater strain than ever before.
- Commuters are angry at the increase in rail fares.
- Commuters from Essex to London face a nightmare journey today.
- I could hear the commuter traffic in the distance.
- She lives in a small commuter town, 25 miles from San Francisco.
- The accident involved a crowded commuter train.
- The developments are in the London commuter belt.
- The train was packed with commuters.
- The village has become the preserve of rich commuters and second home owners.
- There has been an increase in the numbers of daily commuters into London.
- There have been improvements to commuter lines.
- We need to encourage commuters not to drive into the city.

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com·mut·er /kə'mju:tə\$ -ər/ *BrE* *AmE* *noun* [countable]

someone who travels a long distance to work every day

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COLLOCATIONS**■ commuter + NOUN**

- **a commuter train/plane** (=a train or plane that people use to travel to work in a city) Several commuter trains were delayed because of the bad weather.
- **commuter traffic** The new measures are aimed at reducing commuter traffic into the capital.
- **a commuter service** More money is needed to improve commuter services in the region.
- **a commuter town/village** (=that a lot of people leave each day to travel to work) It's a commuter town about 40 miles from London.

- **a commuter line** (=a railway line that commuters use) There's a fast and reliable commuter line across Kent.
- **a commuter route** (=a road or railway line that commuters use)

■ **ADJECTIVES/NOUN + commuter**

- **a daily commuter** Thousands of daily commuters pour into the city.
- **a regular commuter** He was a regular commuter between Cambridge and London.
- **a long-distance commuter** The fare increases will be bad news for long-distance commuters.
- **a suburban commuter** The majority of suburban commuters were unable to get to New York.
- **a morning commuter** By 7:30 the roads are jammed with the usual morning commuters.
- **a rail commuter** (=a commuter who travels by train) Rail commuters face severe delays because of engineering works.

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THESAURUS

■ **people who travel**

- **traveller** *British English*, **traveler** *American English* someone who is travelling a long distance: Weary travellers waited at the airport. | My aunt was a great traveller. (=she travelled a lot).
- **tourist** someone who is travelling somewhere for a holiday: During the summer, over a million tourists visit the island each year.
- **passenger** someone who is travelling in a vehicle, plane, ship etc but not driving it or working on it: The driver and two passengers were killed in the crash.
- **commuter** someone who travels to work every day: commuters on the train to London
- **backpacker** someone who travels to a lot of different places, carrying their clothes etc in a **rucksack**: The hostels are great for backpackers.
- **explorer** someone who travels to places that people have not visited before: Potatoes were brought to England by explorers such as Sir Francis Drake and Sir Walter Raleigh.

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