

Network Now B1.1

Realia

In each **Step 3** of *Network Now B1.1*, there's a focus on **realia** to get learners used to coping with authentic visual materials in realistic situations. This helps them realise that it isn't necessary to understand every word of what they read in order to cope with the task they are faced with. In *Now B1.1*, there are also tasks based on unscripted listening in the **Listen in** activity (see coursebook p. 28).

Try out this **realia** task in class: Copy the information below – one for each student. Write statements 1-5 on the board. Learners read the information and, with a partner, tick the true statements. Answers are compared in class and the false statements are corrected by volunteers.

Board:

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| 1 Oyster cards can be used to travel in London. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 You have to buy a new Oyster card every month. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 You need to find out how much your journey will cost. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4 When you buy your first Oyster card, you must pay \$5. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5 You will get that money back if you return your Oyster card. | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Key: ✓ 1, 5; Corrected statements: 2 No, you don't need to buy a new card every month. You only have to keep topping up with credit on the card you have. 3 No, you don't need to find out how much your journey will cost. The 'pay as you go' credit will work out which rate to use. 4 When you buy your first Oyster card, you must pay £5.

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Transport for London

Read the information about the Oyster card and decide which of the statements on the board are true.


What is Oyster?

Oyster is a plastic smartcard you can use instead of paper tickets. You can put Travelcards, Bus & Tram season tickets and 'pay as you go' credit on it.

Oyster is the cheapest way to pay for single journeys on bus, Tube, tram, DLR, London Overground and most National Rail services in London.

Oyster cards are reusable

Just keep topping up with credit on the same Oyster card when you need to.

... and flexible

Oyster is smart - store 'pay as you go' credit and it will work out which rate to use. You will need to pay a £5 deposit when you get a new Oyster card. You can get the deposit refunded when you return your Oyster card to us.

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Activity card