

TRAVEL

Lesson Twenty-One

Objectives: This lesson will teach you a number of words and phrases related to different modes of travel in Kiribati -asking by what means you can get from one place to another and the like. By the end of the lesson you should be able to ask someone how to travel to somewhere, and be able to give a number of appropriate responses.

Activities: Study the dialogues. Then break into groups, and make up a series of related dialogues, asking how you could get to new places, and using appropriate responses.

**Translation
of Dialogues:**

Travel

A: How can you travel to Butaritari?

B: You can either go by boat or by plane.

A: And is there a plane to Arorae?

B: No, because the airfield isn't built there yet, there's only the boat.

C: Is there a bus to Betio?

D: No, because the causeway is not finished yet, you have to take the ferry.

C: What about to Buariki?

D: You can either take the launch or go by canoe.

E: How do you get to the airport?

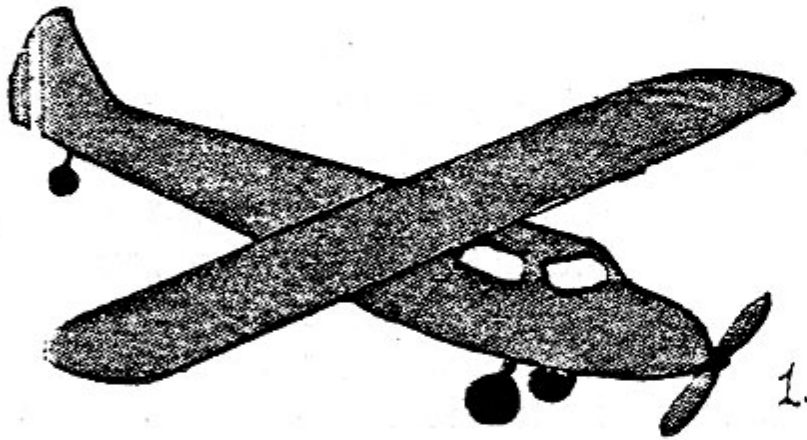
F: You can go by bus.

E: And how about to the post office?

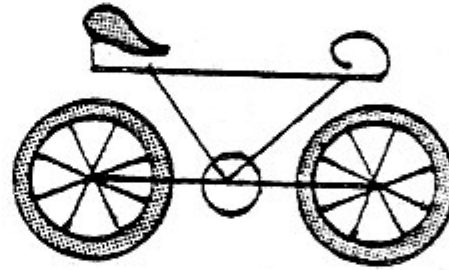
F: It's not far, you can walk there.

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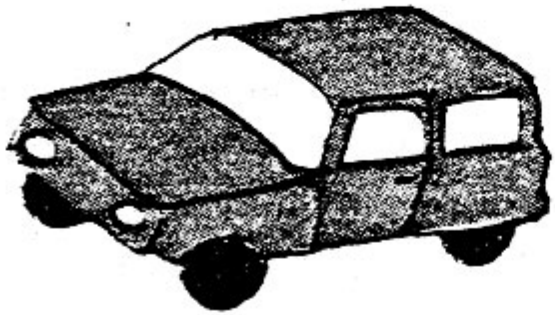
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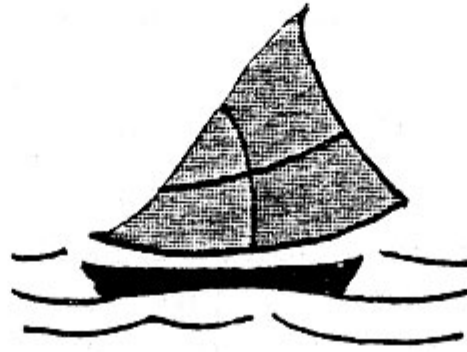
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Dialogues
for Study:

Te M'ananga

- A: E kangaa aron te m'ananga nako Butaritari?
B: Ko konaa ni m'ananga n te kaibuke ke te waanikiba.
A: Ao iai te waanikiba nako Arorae?
B: Akea b'a e tuai tei iai te marae ni waanikiba, bon ti te kaibuke.
- C: Iai te b'ati nako Betio?
D: Akea b'a e tuai tia te kootiueei, ko na m'ananga n te raanti (meeri).
C: Ao te nako Buariki?
D: Ko konaa ni m'ananga n te raanti ke te waa.
- E: E kangaa te m'ananga nakon te marae ni waanikiba?
F: Ko konaa ni m'ananga n te b'ati.
E: Ao n nakon te aobiti n reta?
F: E bon aki raroa anne, ko konaa n nakonako.

Note:

Means of travel in Kiribati are actually much more limited than implied by the dialogue, which is really most appropriate to Tarawa. It is only there that you will find buses and ferries. Elsewhere there are very few cars; motor-bikes and bicycles with an occasional small truck are the only traffic you will encounter outside of walkers. New airfields are under construction, but boat transport is still the only means of travel to many of the islands.

Additional
Activities:

Using the additional phrases as guides, construct a new dialogue about means of transport. Try to create a series of contrasting sentences along the lines of 'the _____ is faster than the _____'.

Translation
of Additional
Phrases:

- A: How do you get to your work?
 B: By motorbike/ bicycle/ car (I have my own car.)
 C: Is that boy walking?
 D: No, he's running.
 C: He's running fast/slowly.
 E: The plane is faster than the ship.
 F: A bicycle is slower than a car.
 G: I'll get there before you.
 H: You'll get there after me.

Outside
Activities:

See what else you can discover about transportation. How expensive is a motor-bike? bicycle? What about gasoline prices? Do most people have a canoe? motorboat? Do they often travel to other islands? villages? How many people you meet have travelled by plane?

Additional
Phrases:

- A: Ko kangaa ni kaea am mm'akuri?
B: I rebwerebwe/b'aatika/kaa (Bon iai au kaa.)
C: E nakonako te teeinimm'aane aarei?
D: E aki b'a e biri.
C: E biri m'aaka/mweere.
E: E waetata riki te waanikiba nakon te kaibuke.
F: E waeremwe riki te b'aatika nakon te kaa.
G: N na roko ikekei im'aaim.
H: Ko na roko ikekei imwiiu.