The Arab world

- Topics trade and transport: from ships to trains; the art of henna; weddings; Al Janadriyah Festival; Arabic homes: the Majlis; the mosque
- Use of English would/used to; complex pre-modified noun phrases



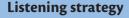
Lesson 1-2 Trade and transport: from ships to trains

- What sort of trade did the people of the UAE do in the past? How did the dhows help with trade?
- Which countries do you think the UAE does most of its trade with nowadays?
- What types of transportation are used by businesses in the UAE?
- Choose three forms of transport. What types of goods are transported using these?

Listening

1 39 Listen to a radio presenter interviewing a professor about trade in the UAE.

Then, work with a partner and discuss what title you would give this interview.



When listening for missing information, look at the words that come before and after the gaps. You can often guess what type of word it will be.













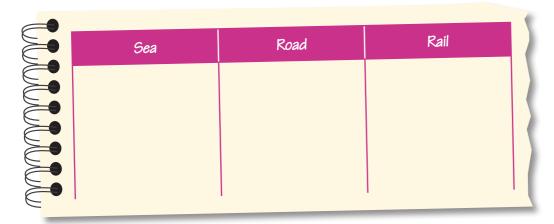




- 2 40 Listen again to part of the interview. Read the sentences and choose True (T), False (F) or Not Given (NG).
- 1 In the 1950s, dhows were able to anchor in the port to unload their cargoes.
- 2 The transport infrastructure before the 1970s was excellent, with roads connecting traders with trade routes across the emirates. ______
- 3 Traders used to use sand tracks along the beach to transport goods from Dubai to Abu Dhabi. _____
- **4** Today, the UAE's network of communication highways is the most developed in the world. _____

Listening

3 Copy the graphic organiser into your notebook. Listen to the interview again and make notes.



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4 Compare your notes with a partner. What main ideas and details did you both note down? Did you and your partner organise your notes in the same way or differently?

Listening strategy

When you are listening for key information, it is helpful to make notes. Include details such as dates and facts; or key ideas such as opinions. Don't try to write everything you hear.

Create graphic organisers to help you take notes. Try using a table, a spider diagram, a list or even pictures to record key information. It is good to try different methods and see what works best for you.