

## The Streets of Vietnam

The streets of Vietnam can be a busy, loud, and dangerous place. The rapid growth of the cities, the new jobs and companies, and newly built roads, mean that there is much more traffic. There are many buses, growing numbers of cars, and many motorbikes – Vietnam has more motorbikes per person than almost any other country. Sometimes these vehicles move fast. They flow quickly and weave together like a noisy dance. Sometimes the vehicles move slowly, and it can take a long time for you to get where you want to go.

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Whether there are many vehicles or only a few, they are always loud. The sound of the engines and the noise of the horns mix together to create a constant song of the city, but the smoke from all the cars and motorbikes, the dust from the building sites, and the pollution from factories can make the air in the city unpleasant and unhealthy, and so many people wear masks.

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Many countries have more motorbikes per person than Vietnam; is this true?

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Why do many people in Vietnam wear masks when driving?

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What ideas do you have to protect the environment in Vietnam's cities?