



Transcript:

It may look like a **tram**, but, in fact, it's a theatre.

In Mexico City, vehicles normally used for public transport have been getting a **makeover**.

Mexicans hardly ever **scrap** their buses. These, donated by Japan over 20 years ago, have been **reborn** as community centres and shops.

This **lorry** carries knowledge. It's a mobile library, offering space for children's activities and seminars.

Vocabulary:

tram

an electric vehicle that runs along a track and is used in cities

makeover

change the appearance of something to make it look better

scrap

get rid of something which is now useless

reborn

converted into something different

lorry

British word for a large vehicle to transport a heavy load; Americans use the word 'truck'

Watch the video online: **Stagecoach** <http://bbc.in/QiNTrp>

Exercise:

Use one of the words or phrases below to complete each of these sentences from BBC news reports.

Note that you may have to change the form of a word to complete the sentence correctly.

tram/ makeover/ scrap/ reborn/ lorry

- 1.** The government says it will _____ or change more than 3,000 regulations. It says its drive to cut bureaucracy will save companies millions of pounds.

- 2.** _____ services went far beyond the city boundary extending to Milngavie, Paisley, Renfrew, Clydebank, Uddingston and Airdrie - all at rock-bottom fares and at high frequencies that are unheard of today.

- 3.** A stretch of motorway between junctions 22 and 21A was closed after a _____ crossed the central reservation on Thursday morning.

- 4.** Ten years ago on Friday, an old flour mill on the banks of the River Tyne was _____ as a temple to modern art when Gateshead's Baltic gallery opened its doors.

- 5.** Electricity pylons, little changed since the 1920s, may get a _____ with a new international design competition. Are transmission towers icons or eyesores?

Answers:

1. The government says it will **scrap** or change more than 3,000 regulations. It says its drive to cut bureaucracy will save companies millions of pounds.

Source: Health and safety inspections cut in regulation curb

<http://bbc.in/OzfJ1Z>

2. Tram services went far beyond the city boundary extending to Milngavie, Paisley, Renfrew, Clydebank, Uddingston and Airdrie - all at rock-bottom fares and at high frequencies that are unheard of today.

Source: Glasgow 'a city that loved trams'

<http://bbc.in/Q0dyU8>

3. A stretch of motorway between junctions 22 and 21A was closed after a **lorry** crossed the central reservation on Thursday morning.

Source: M1 lorry crash causes Leicestershire delays

<http://bbc.in/Otv44X>

4. Ten years ago on Friday, an old flour mill on the banks of the River Tyne was **reborn** as a temple to modern art when Gateshead's Baltic gallery opened its doors.

Source: Has art gallery boom paid off?

<http://bbc.in/M5Tp1o>

5. Electricity pylons, little changed since the 1920s, may get a **makeover** with a new international design competition. Are transmission towers icons or eyesores?

Source: Could pylons ever be pretty?

<http://bbc.in/mk30TM>