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Tracks vs. Skies

Directions: Read the two texts below carefully. Compare them by answering the questions that follow.

Traveling by Train

Trains carry many passengers at once and travel smoothly along tracks. They are often used in cities or across countries where stations connect people from place to place. Train rides allow travelers to read, rest, or look out the window during the trip. However, trains are limited to the paths of their tracks and can be delayed by weather.

Traveling by Airplane

Airplanes travel much faster than trains and can cross oceans in hours. They connect cities and countries around the world with large airports serving as hubs. On planes, passengers must follow strict safety rules and often have limited space. However, airplanes can be delayed by weather too, and flights are usually more expensive than train tickets.

Questions: Answer the following at the back of this sheet or in your notebook.

1. What is one similarity between traveling by train and traveling by airplane?
2. How do the speeds of trains and airplanes differ?
3. What is one challenge for both trains and airplanes?
4. Which form of travel allows more freedom to move around and relax during the trip? Explain using evidence from the text.
5. Based on the passages, which method of travel do you think would be better for a cross-country trip inside one country? Why?

