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LESSON NOTE FOR WEEK 7  
TOPIC: TRANSPORTATION IN NIGERIA

MAIN OBJECTIVES: By the end of this lesson, student should be able to

**(a) define transportation**

**(b) list the modes of transportation**

**(c) list the types of road**

STEP I

**Definition of Transportation**

Transportation is the movement of people, goods and commodities from one place to another.

**Modes of Transportation**

There are 5 major modes of transportation in Nigeria namely:

* Human portage and the use of animal
* Water Transportation
* Land Transportation
* Air Transportation

**Human Porte rage:** and the use of animal was very common in pre-colonial days in Nigeria. Human Porte rage is the means of transportation used in olden days. These involve the use of animals such as camel, horse, donkey, oxen and mules e.t.c. It is very common in Southern and middle belt areas of Nigeria to move goods and food stuff from production centres to the market. Transport by animal is common in the North for the movement of goods.

**Water Transportation** in Nigeria includes the use of oceans, lagoons and inland water ways and oceans. The inland water ways which includes the lagoons, canals, rivers, lakes,. Ocean navigation is operated from the seaports like Lagos, Sapele, Warri, Pot Harcourt, Calabar e.t.c. the means of water transport are canoes, ships, yatch, and ferry. Water transport is good for international business.

**Land transportations** are majorly of two types: road and rail transportation

Three types of road are:

* Trunk A road: constructed and maintained by the federal government
* Trunk B road: constructed and maintained by the state government
* Minor roads: maintained by the local governments

The means are cars, motorcycles, buses; truck e.t.c. road transport is very flexible

**Rail Transport:** is the first modern means of transportation in Nigeria, which involves the use of car, bike, and train. The rail is the first modern means of transportation in Nigeria. The rail lines were constructed between 1890 and 1930 and consisted of a total of about 3,500kmof single tracks. It was built mainly for agricultural and mining purposes.

**Air Transportation**: it is the fastest and most efficient mode of transportation in Nigeria. It provides domestic and international services. Lagos State is the major hub of air transport in Nigeria

**Pipelines** are a mode of transportation used to move liquid commodities from one place to another e.g petroleum and gas. Pipeline linking Warri and Kaduna is a very important example in Nigeria

**ASSESSMENT**

1. Define Transportation.
2. What are the modes of transportation?
3. What are the types of road?