

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?

"In twenty years there will be fewer cars in use than there are today."

Currently, car ownership is on the rise in developed and developing countries **alike**.

Thanks to the overall increase in affluence and the decrease in the prices of older model cars as newer cars are introduced to the market, even people on a low budget are able to afford cars now. **However**, this trend is not likely to continue in the near future.

Particularly due to the increased carbon dioxide emissions that have already reached alarming levels and for some other reasons, governments around the world will probably encourage people to use public transportation and laws will be put into place to limit car use.

Firstly, both greenhouse gas emissions **and** traffic congestion are serious problems faced by the majority of countries, and governments will likely construct more metro lines and offer environmentally friendly public transportation systems. **For example**, China has already introduced a public transportation vehicle powered by electricity and sun, and in Moscow ecobuses are expected to replace trolleybuses soon. **In addition**, as people become more aware **regarding** the hazards of climate change, they will be more willing to use public transportation **rather than** their private cars, and this will bring about a substantial decrease in the number of cars in use.

In addition, governments will enact bans on the use of cars. In Turkey, **for example**, there are plans to limit the number of cars per household. **Currently**, a large number of families own more than one car, and some have even more cars. **Similarly**, public officials in Paris are trying to curb car use, and to do this, they are working on a scheme to make public transport free of charge at certain times. **Moreover**, an increasing number of major cities have plans to ban all cars from city centers. **If** these plans are realized, people will have to use public transportation or bikes, or will just have to walk. **As** the effects of climate change worsen, more cities will follow suit, and pass laws to curb the use of private cars. **As a result**, there will be fewer cars on roads than there are today.

In brief, increasing traffic congestion and greenhouse gas emissions will force governments to take action to limit car use. More people will prefer public transportation and certain regulations will be in effect to ensure that cars do not contribute substantially to global warming. **Consequently**, fewer cars will be use in twenty years than today.