



## “Germany, Austerity’s Champion, Faces Some Big Repair Bills”

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### **Vocabulary**

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*What do we drive, what do we ride, and what do we take? Match the form of transport to the verb.*

Taxi	
Bus	Ride
Ski	
Car	Take
Train	
Boat	Drive
Bike	
Horse	Ski (yes, it is also a verb!)

### **Questions**

*True or False; read the following statements and, based on the text decide if they are true or false.*

1. The bridge over the Kiel Canal in northern Germany was closed to all traffic.
2. Mr. Dechant believes that there has not been enough money put into transport infrastructure.
3. Experts are concerned that old bridges, railways and roads will have a negative impact on the German economy.
4. The government needs to spend almost seven and a half billion Euros over the next fifteen years to repair existing infrastructure.
5. The German Institute for Economic Research was extremely critical in its report on Germany’s lack of investment in infrastructure.
6. There are some people who feel that, even if there was lots of money for repairs, there will still be big problems in the coming years.



*Which paragraph best matches each of the following sentences?*

- \_\_\_\_\_ Windmills take a joyride on the way to their destination
- \_\_\_\_\_ A change in policy? New partners want more money for home projects
- \_\_\_\_\_ In bad shape; roads have an expensive repair bill
- \_\_\_\_\_ Spend or sink, says commission chief
- \_\_\_\_\_ Cracks starting to appear; major bridge in NRW partly closed.