

## **Fun and Interesting facts (Bus)**

### **1. Do you know the word bus is obtained from a Latin word?**

“Omni bus” is a Latin word. In latin, it means “for all” or “for everyone.” [Buses](#) are huge-sized vehicles. They can accommodate many people.

### **2. Who was the frontiersman of the steam engine buses in England?**

In 1830, [Sir Goldsworthy gurney](#), along with [Walter Hancock](#) in England, built a bus driven by a [steam engine](#). It might have been the earliest bus run on an engine. It was developed as an alternative to [horse-run carriages](#).

### **3. Did you know that school buses are yellow colored in most countries?**

Yellow-colored buses are part of school children’s transport in most regions of the world. This color shows prominent visibility, in normal, as well as in dusky light. The yellow color is helpful for safety while traveling in traffic. [Yellow-colored school buses](#) are commonly used in most parts of the world. The highly visible yellow-colored buses are useful in reducing the chances of accidents. In European countries, regional transport groups control the operation of school buses. These look like other public transport buses.

### **4. What are the distinguishing features of school buses?**

There are some distinguishing features of the school bus that separate it from other types of buses.

On school buses, there is a stop-arm safety system. It is used for picking up and dropping off school children. The stop-arm extends from the side of the bus, creating a physical barrier that prevents vehicles from passing while children are crossing. One of the distinguishing features is compartmentalization, which avoids collision.

In accidents, fast evacuation of vehicles, is necessary. So, for this, school buses are supplied with multiple [emergency exits](#). To discover the location of school buses, these buses are provided with a [GPS tracking system](#). To combat fire, these buses are provided with [fire extinguishers](#) and first-aid boxes. These buses have been provided with a lower speed limit compared to other vehicles to avoid accidents.

### **5. Did you know that the kinder garden school buses in Japan come with different-shaped designs?**

In [Japan](#), there are differently shaped kindergarten kids’ buses . These are designed such that buses look like cartoon characters. Some examples are [Pikachu](#), [Hello Kitty](#), and [Thomas the tank engine](#).

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