



Industry Of The Month

Road Transportation

Our monthly feature "Become An insider" focuses on the lingo for a specific industry, business sector or area of a company. Our aim is to help you become familiar with some of the standard vocabulary in various areas and put you on the path to expanding your business English.

This month our focus is on transportation, or to be more precise, the underlying infrastructure used by vehicles and trucks.

Road or street?

The terms road and street are, for the most part, interchangeable. The official definitions illustrate where the difference lies however:

Road - a long, hard surface built for vehicles to travel along

Street - a road in a city or town that has buildings that are usually close together along one or both sides

On the road

Can you match the basic English term with the German translation?

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| 1) bypass | A) Vorfahrt |
| 2) traffic light | B) Zebrastreifen |
| 3) roundabout | C) Ampel |
| 4) right-of-way | D) Nebenfahrbahn |
| 5) intersection | E) Kreisverkehr |
| 6) crosswalk | F) Spur |
| 7) lane | G) Ortsumgehung |
| 8) frontage road | H) Kreuzung |

Beltway/beltway

Those who follow national politics in the US may have heard the term **Beltway (capitalized)** and perhaps wondered what that means. In a literal sense, a **beltway** is a highway skirting an urban area, like a ring road. (German = Auto-bahnring)

Figuratively speaking, **Beltway** refers to the political and social world of Washington, D.C., viewed especially as insular and exclusive.

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