**Comparing Transport**  
  
**1. The Tube**  
  
**Journey Time**  
From Heathrow to King's Cross takes approximately 1 hour. There are no traffic delays on the tube, but there are sometimes other problems and delays can occur.  
  
**Cost**  
From Heathrow to central London it costs £3.70 for an adult single fare, £1.50 for a child single fare.  
  
**Frequency**  
Trains leave every few minutes.  
  
**Comfort**  
The tube can be overcrowded, especially during the rush hour. There is limited space for luggage. Smoking is not allowed on the underground.  
  
**2. Airbus**  
  
**Journey Time**  
From Heathrow terminal 4 to London takes approximately 1 hour 45 minutes. (journey time is subject to delay due to traffic conditions).  
  
**Cost**  
From Heathrow to central London it costs £8.00 for an adult single fare, £4.00 for a child single fare.  
  
**Frequency**  
Coaches leave every 20 - 30 minutes.  
  
**Comfort**  
When you book your ticket you are guaranteed a seat. Modern air-conditioned, double-decker coaches. Smoking is not allowed on Airbus services.  
  
**3. Heathrow Express**  
  
**Journey Time**  
From Heathrow to Paddington takes 15 minutes.  
  
**Cost**  
From Heathrow to Paddington costs £13.00 for an adult single fare, £6.00 for a child single fare. There is also a 10% discount for booking online.  
  
**Frequency**  
Trains leave every 15 minutes.  
  
**Comfort**  
Modern, air conditioned trains. Smoking is not allowed on the Heathrow Express. A special 'quiet zone' is available.  
  
**4. Taxi**  
  
**Journey Time**  
The journey time obviously changes according to the time of day and traffic conditions (road works, diversions etc), but allow between 30 and 75 minutes.  
  
**Cost**  
Cost can vary according to which minicab company you use, but a typical fare is around £34.00  
  
**Frequency**  
There are usually lots of taxis available, but you may like to book in advance and be met at the airport.  
  
**Comfort**  
You may get talking to the cabby - London taxi drivers are famous for their abililty to 'chat'.