

The tertiary sector in the Comunidad de Madrid

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Commerce

Our autonomous community is an area of enormous commercial importance.

Commercial activity takes place in various types of establishments:

- In large **shopping centres** located along main streets and roads in the metropolitan area.
- In **speciality shops** located in urban areas.
- In commercial **fairgrounds**.



Specialised shops in Madrid.

Transport

Madrid's transport system has got a radial structure.

- **Road transport** is organised around six main motorways that are interconnected by large ring roads: the M-30, the M-40, the M-45 and the M-50.
- **Rail transport** connects Madrid and its surrounding municipalities with a system of Renfe commuter trains. There are also long-distance lines that connect the Atocha and Chamartín stations to destinations all over Spain.

The Metro and Light Metro systems are also very important in the metropolitan area of Madrid. Most of the Light Metro system runs above ground.

- **Air transport** in Madrid is centred on Barajas Airport.



Light Metro in Madrid.

Tourism

This service industry is growing in importance. Our autonomous community offers various types of tourism:

- **Cultural tourism** is especially important in the city of Madrid, where tourists can visit monuments, museums, exhibitions, parks, theatres and other attractions. There are also other popular sights in neighbouring areas, such as El Escorial and Aranjuez.
- **Business tourism** is concentrated in the centre of Madrid (The Juan Carlos I Fairgrounds) and the metropolitan area.
- **Rural tourism** is typical in the Sierra de Madrid.



The Prado Museum is one of the main attractions for cultural tourism in the Comunidad de Madrid.

1. Complete the sentences about the Comunidad de Madrid:

Barajas airport • commercial • radial • shopping • speciality • streets

- a) The Comunidad de Madrid is an important _____ area.
- b) Large _____ centres usually located along main _____ and roads.
- c) We usually find _____ shops in urban areas.
- d) Madrid's transport system has got a _____ structure.
- e) _____ is the centre of air transport.

2. Match the types of transport with the examples.

Road transport •

Rail transport •

Air transport •

- The Metro
- The M-40
- Light Metro
- Motorway
- Barajas Airport
- Renfe

3. Look at the pictures. Write the type of tourism.

a)



El Escorial.

b)



Peñalara Natural Park.

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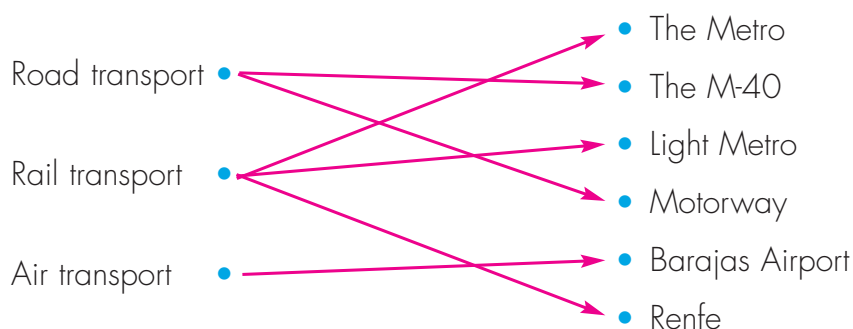
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