**Задача 1.** *Переведите приведённый ниже отрывок из публицистической статьи, используя словарь*

Transport in London

You can reach England either by plane, by train, by car or by ship. The fastest way is by plane. London has three international airports: Heathrow, the largest, connected to the city by underground; Gatwick, south of London, with a frequent train service; Luton, the smallest, used for charter flights.

If you go to England by train or by car you have to cross the Channel. There is a frequent service of steamers and ferryboats which connect the continent to the south-east of England.

People in Britain drive on the left and generally overtake on the right. When you are in London you can choose from four different means of transport: bus, train, underground or taxi.

The typical bus in London is a red double-decker.

The next to arrive were the trains; now there are twelve railway stations in London. Now there are ten underground lines and 273 underground stations in use. The London underground is also called the Tube, because of the circular shape of its deep tunnels.

If you have to get from point A to point B quickly, have a lot of luggage, or if you just don’t want to bother with public transportation, taking a taxi might be a convenient alternative. You should keep in mind, of course, that taxis are not available everywhere in the UK. However, they are prevalent in bigger towns and cities and particularly in London, where the black taxis (or black cabs) have become rather famous.

You can hail a taxi in the street if it has switched on its yellow “Taxi” sign. In addition to the fare, as shown on the meter, you should tip the driver by rounding up the fare, or adding about 10%.

 So, London transport system is rapid and fast, but sometimes it can be really confusing.

**Задача 2.** Ответьте на вопросы по тексту письменно.

**Questions:**

1. What does it connect the continent to the south-east of England?  
2. What kind of service helps to cross the Channel?   
3. What is the difference between some traffic rules in Britain and in Russia?   
4. When can you hail a taxi in the street of Britain?   
5. What should you do when finishing a trip in a taxi?