



Pedal Power

The rickshaws that are travelling along the East coast of Australia seem more than a little out of place. In Australia, we see plenty of trucks, cars, motorbikes and other forms of transport but spotting a rickshaw is very rare. If you were in Bangladesh, however, you would expect to see rickshaws everywhere. In fact, it is estimated that there are over 400,000 rickshaws in Dhaka (capital city of Bangladesh) alone.

Step 1

Copy Pedal Power handout (onto A3 if possible).

Step 2

Invite students to search for a picture of the listed forms of transport (try Wikipedia or Google Images or even a good old-fashioned book!). In each box students can draw a sketch of the vehicle and write the uses it might be best suited to. You could also do a search to find which countries these “strange” bicycles might be commonly found in.

Step 3

What follows is a cheat sheet so that you can look like an expert on unorthodox bikes:

Big Boda A cargo bike designed for use in Africa	Aqueduct Bicycle A bike designed for carrying and filtering water in developing countries
Vangari A ‘ute’ version of the rickshaw	Rickshaw A bicycle for carrying passengers
Sideways Bicycle A novel bike designed in Ireland that blends a bicycle with snowboard riding stance	Penny Farthing Victorian bike with a large front wheel and small rear wheel

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Big Boda	Aquaduct Bicycle
Uses:	Uses:
Vangari	Rickshaw
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