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Level 1 – 17th February, 2022

Flying taxis could be here in next three years

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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There will soon be flying taxis. Many of us grew up watching science fiction movies with these. The Japanese airline ANA and a U.S. tech start-up called Joby Aviation will fly air taxis at the 2025 World Expo in Osaka. They are currently building the taxis. They will need to follow air traffic rules. They will also need to train flying taxi pilots. The five-seat, all-electric taxi will take off and land vertically. It will fly as far as 241 kilometers and have a top speed of 321kph.

Joby said the taxis are environmentally friendly. People can reduce their carbon footprint. It said Japan was a great place to test the taxis because 92 per cent of the population live in towns and cities. The president of ANA said the airline has 70 years of safe and reliable flights. He said it was good that customers have "the option to travel rapidly, and sustainably, from an international airport to a downtown location".

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. watching science | a. far as 241 kilometers |
| 2. fly air taxis at the | b. fiction movies |
| 3. They will need to follow | c. electric taxi |
| 4. They will also need to train | d. speed of 321kph |
| 5. The five-seat, all- | e. air traffic rules |
| 6. take off and | f. 2025 World Expo |
| 7. It will fly as | g. land vertically |
| 8. have a top | h. flying taxi pilots |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. the taxis are environmentally | a. reliable flights |
| 2. reduce their carbon | b. travel rapidly |
| 3. The president of | c. footprint |
| 4. 70 years of safe and | d. location |
| 5. He said it | e. ANA |
| 6. the option to | f. international airport |
| 7. from an | g. was good |
| 8. a downtown | h. friendly |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2202/220217-flying-taxis-1.html>

There (1) _____ flying taxis. Many of us grew up watching (2) _____ with these. The Japanese airline ANA and a U.S. tech start-up called Joby Aviation will fly (3) _____ the 2025 World Expo in Osaka. They are currently building the taxis. They will (4) _____ air traffic rules. They will also need to train flying taxi pilots. The five-seat, all-electric taxi will take off (5) _____. It will fly as far as 241 kilometers and (6) _____ speed of 321kph.

Joby (7) _____ are environmentally friendly. People can (8) _____ footprint. It said Japan was a great place to test the taxis because 92 per cent of the population live in (9) _____. The president of ANA said the airline has 70 years of (10) _____ flights. He said it was good that customers have "(11) _____ travel rapidly, and sustainably, from an international airport to (12) _____".

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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FLYING TAXIS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2202/220217-flying-taxis-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about flying taxis in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

