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Level 1 – 8th January, 2021

Taxi driver offers free rides for singing karaoke

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

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2101/210108-karaoke-1.html>

A taxi driver is offering free rides for songs. Mr Tu, 57, is a big fan of karaoke. He loves listening to people sing. He is famous for his taxi's colourful, flashing disco lights and the pink neon star on its dashboard. People can choose a "karaoke" option on a taxi app in the capital Taipei. When Mr Tu's arrives, he will give you a microphone and an iPad for you to select the song you want to sing. He says people are braver to sing at night.

Mr Tu loves his job. He said: "No one is as lucky as me...rushing to go to work and not make any money." He has been a taxi driver for 27 years. He has given free rides for songs for eight years and has filmed over 10,000 videos. Some of Mr Tu's videos have been viewed over two million times. He said if people do not sing, they get no free ride. He is now a celebrity and has been on TV in 10 countries. His dream is for singer Ed Sheeran to be his passenger.

Sources: <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2021/jan/04/training-their-courage-taiwan-taxi-driver-offers-free-rides-for-karaoke>
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PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2101/210108-karaoke-1.html>

PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. A taxi driver is | a. karaoke |
| 2. a big fan of | b. sing at night |
| 3. He loves listening | c. disco lights |
| 4. flashing | d. want to sing |
| 5. choose a "karaoke" option | e. and an iPad |
| 6. he will give you a microphone | f. offering free rides |
| 7. select the song you | g. to people sing |
| 8. people are braver to | h. on a taxi app |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------|------------------|
| 1. Mr Tu loves | a. 10,000 videos |
| 2. No one is as | b. countries |
| 3. rushing to | c. money |
| 4. not make any | d. lucky as me |
| 5. filmed over | e. his job |
| 6. viewed over two | f. celebrity |
| 7. He is now a | g. million times |
| 8. TV in 10 | h. go to work |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A taxi driver is offering (1) _____ songs. Mr Tu, 57, is a big fan of karaoke. He (2) _____ people sing. He is (3) _____ taxi's colourful, flashing disco lights and the pink neon (4) _____ dashboard. People can choose a "karaoke" (5) _____ taxi app in the capital Taipei. When Mr Tu's arrives, he will give you a microphone and an iPad for you to (6) _____ you want to sing. He says people are braver to sing at night.

Mr Tu loves his job. He said: "No (7) _____ lucky as me...rushing to go to work and not (8) _____." He has been a taxi driver for 27 years. He has given free rides for songs for eight years (9) _____ over 10,000 videos. Some of Mr Tu's videos (10) _____ over two million times. He said if people do not sing, they get (11) _____. He is now a celebrity and has been on TV in 10 countries. His (12) _____ singer Ed Sheeran to be his passenger.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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KARAOKE SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2101/210108-karaoke-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about karaoke 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) _____

