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Electric scooter gets speaker to sound like sports car

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Please try Levels 4 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2204/220418-electric-scooters-5.html>

Electric scooters are all the rage across the world. The electric-powered two-wheelers help people nimbly zip through traffic to get about town. However, they also have safety concerns. Many scooter riders disregard road rules, ignore traffic lights and ride on sidewalks illegally. A scooter maker has made a speaker that will alert pedestrians and other road users of a scooter's presence. Segway is selling a speaker accessory that can add V12 engine noises to its scooters. Additionally, the user can plug in their music and the speaker will play the rider's favourite tunes.

Segway's \$150 Engine Speaker can play music or sounds for 23 hours when fully charged. The speaker syncs with the accelerator. The faster the scooter goes, the louder the sounds are. Segway said its speaker will warn anyone in earshot that a scooter is approaching. Road safety analysts believe the speaker could cut the number of collisions between scooter riders and pedestrians. However, critics are worried about noise pollution. They say the beauty of electric engines is their silence. They believe a simple beeping sound is enough to alert other road users.

Sources: <https://www.theverge.com/2022/4/14/23025585/segway-ninebot-engine-wireless-speaker-engine-noise-v8>
<https://gizmodo.com/segways-strap-on-speaker-makes-your-scooter-sound-like-1848783531>
<https://hiconsumption.com/segway-superscooter/>

PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. all the | a. sidewalks illegally |
| 2. nimbly zip | b. in their music |
| 3. Many scooter riders | c. through traffic |
| 4. ride on | d. favourite tunes |
| 5. a speaker that will alert | e. disregard road rules |
| 6. Segway is selling a speaker | f. pedestrians |
| 7. the user can plug | g. rage across the world |
| 8. the speaker will play the rider's | h. accessory |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. when fully | a. about noise pollution |
| 2. The speaker syncs | b. sound is enough |
| 3. its speaker will warn anyone in | c. with the accelerator |
| 4. cut the number of | d. road users |
| 5. critics are worried | e. earshot |
| 6. the beauty of electric engines | f. charged |
| 7. a simple beeping | g. is their silence |
| 8. alert other | h. collisions |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Electric scooters are (1) _____ across the world. The electric-powered two-wheelers help people (2) _____ traffic to get about town. However, they also have safety concerns. Many scooter (3) _____ rules, ignore traffic lights and ride on sidewalks illegally. A scooter maker has made a speaker that (4) _____ and other road users of (5) _____. Segway is selling a speaker accessory that can add V12 engine noises to its scooters. Additionally, the user (6) _____ their music and the speaker will play the rider's favourite tunes.

Segway's \$150 Engine Speaker can play music or sounds for 23 hours (7) _____. The speaker syncs with the accelerator. The faster the scooter goes, the louder the sounds are. Segway said its speaker will warn (8) _____ that a scooter is approaching. Road safety analysts believe the speaker could cut the (9) _____ between scooter riders and pedestrians. However, critics are worried (10) _____. They say the (11) _____ engines is their silence. They believe a simple beeping sound is (12) _____ other road users.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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ELECTRIC SCOOTERS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about electric scooters 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) _____

