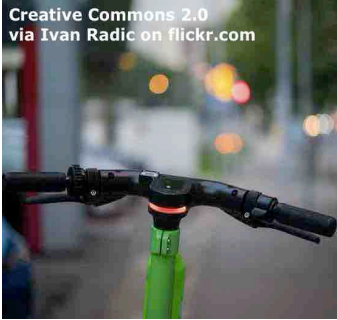


Electric scooter gets speaker to sound like sports car

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Electric scooters are all the rage in many cities across the world. The electric-powered two-wheelers are helping people nimbly zip through traffic and effortlessly get about town. However, they have also brought problems and safety

concerns. Many scooter riders disregard road regulations, ignore traffic lights and illegally ride on sidewalks. A major scooter manufacturer has started selling a speaker that will alert pedestrians and other road users of the scooter's presence. Segway is marketing a new speaker accessory that can add V12 engine noises to its scooters. Alternatively, the user can plug in their music device and the speaker will boom out the rider's favourite tunes.

Segway's \$150 Ninebot Engine Speaker can play music or revved up sports car sounds for 23 hours when fully charged. The speaker syncs with the scooter's accelerator, so the faster the vehicle goes, the louder the speaker's rev sounds are. Segway said its engine speaker acts as a continuous warning to anyone in earshot that the rider is approaching. Many road safety analysts believe the speaker could reduce the number of collisions between scooter riders and pedestrians. However, critics are concerned about an increase in noise pollution. They say the beauty of electric engines is their silence. They believe a simple beeping sound is sufficient to alert other road users and a V12 sound is overkill.

Sources: theverge.com / gizmodo.com / hiconsumption.com

Writing

We need electric scooter driving licenses for all electric scooter riders. Discuss.

Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

electric / scooters / all the rage / traffic / safety / traffic lights / pedestrians / tunes / music / accelerator / vehicle / engine / analysts / critics / collisions / silence / alert

True / False

- 1) Electric scooters cause rage all across the world. T / F
- 2) A new electric scooter has a zip that makes people's hands numb. T / F
- 3) The article suggested scooter riders go through red lights. T / F
- 4) The new speaker can only play a variety of engine sounds. T / F
- 5) The new speaker can play sounds for a whole day. T / F
- 6) The speaker is synchronized with the scooter's accelerator. T / F
- 7) Road safety experts think the scooter will cut the number of crashes. T / F
- 8) The critics believe a beeping sound is better than an engine sound. T / F

Synonym Match

(The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

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| 1. all the rage | a. melodies |
| 2. zip | b. warn |
| 3. disregard | c. good thing |
| 4. alert | d. speed |
| 5. tunes | e. uninterrupted |
| 6. charged | f. very fashionable |
| 7. continuous | g. enough |
| 8. collisions | h. ignore |
| 9. beauty | i. crashes |
| 10. sufficient | j. topped up |

Discussion – Student A

- a) What do you think of electric scooters?
- b) What's the best way to get around town?
- c) What's the traffic like in your town?
- d) What are the good things about electric scooters?
- e) How safe are electric scooters?
- f) Should people require a driving license to use an electric scooter?
- g) Should electric scooters be allowed on sidewalks?
- h) What do you think of being able to use a V12 engine sound?

Phrase Match

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|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Electric scooters are all | a. their music device |
| 2. helping people nimbly zip | b. and pedestrians |
| 3. Many scooter riders disregard | c. through traffic |
| 4. a speaker that will alert | d. sound is sufficient |
| 5. the user can plug in | e. of electric engines |
| 6. The speaker syncs with the | f. pedestrians |
| 7. a continuous warning to anyone | g. the rage |
| 8. collisions between scooter riders | h. in earshot |
| 9. the beauty | i. road regulations |
| 10. a simple beeping | j. scooter's accelerator |

Discussion – Student B

- What do you think about what you read?
- Would you use an electric scooter?
- Do you think the speaker will cut the number of collisions?
- What are the bad things about electric scooters?
- What kinds of noise pollution are in your town?
- Are electric scooters the future?
- Is a V12 sound to alert pedestrians overkill?
- What questions would you like to ask Segway?

Spelling

- bylmni zip through traffic
- disregard road glountsreia
- A major scooter uautmearcfnr
- a speaker that will alert dntrapeiess
- a new speaker ryoeccass
- music edcvei
- ervedv up sports car sounds
- The speaker nyscs with the scooter's accelerator
- the faster the evlihec goes
- reduce the number of noiscllios
- a simple beeping sound is ueficsift
- a V12 sound is evillrko

Answers – Synonym Match

1. f	2. d	3. h	4. b	5. a
6. j	7. e	8. i	9. c	10. g

Role Play

Role A – Electric Scooter

You think an electric scooter is the best mode of transport. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their modes. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): bicycle, train or car.

Role B – Bicycle

You think a bicycle is the best mode of transport. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their modes. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): electric scooter, train or car.

Role C – Train

You think a train is the best mode of transport. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their modes. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): bicycle, electric scooter or car.

Role D – Car

You think a car is the best mode of transport. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their modes. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): bicycle, train or electric scooter.

Speaking – Vehicles

Rank these with your partner. Put the best at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

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|--------------------|--------------|
| • Electric scooter | • Train |
| • Bus | • Helicopter |
| • Bicycle | • Car |
| • Motorbike | • Airplane |

Answers – True False

1 F	2 F	3 T	4 F	5 F	6 T	7 T	8 T
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Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.