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## **Electric scooter gets speaker to sound like sports car**

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# THE ARTICLE

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

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.

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<https://hiconsumption.com/segway-superscooter/>

# WARM-UPS

**1. ELECTRIC SCOOTERS:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about electric scooters. Change partners often and share your findings.

**2. CHAT:** In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

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

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

**3. LICENSE:** Students A **strongly** believe a scooter rider needs a license; Students B **strongly** believe they don't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**4. TRAFFIC RULES:** What do you know about these traffic rules? How can they be made better? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What I Know	Improvements
Speed		
Traffic lights		
Parking		
Distance		
Overtaking		
Emergencies		

**5. TRAFFIC:** Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "traffic". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

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

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

# VOCABULARY MATCHING

## Paragraph 1

- |                 |   |
|-----------------|---|
| 1. all the rage | a. A rule or directive made and maintained by an authority. |
| 2. nimbly       | b. Connect something to a power source.                     |
| 3. zip          | c. Very, very popular.                                      |
| 4. disregard    | d. In a way that is quick and light in movement or action.  |
| 5. regulation   | e. Pay no attention to; ignore.                             |
| 6. pedestrian   | f. A person walking rather than travelling in a vehicle.    |
| 7. plug in      | g. Move at high speed.                                      |

## Paragraph 2

- |                |   |
|----------------|---|
| 8. revved      | h. A short, high-pitched sound made by electronic equipment or a vehicle horn.    |
| 9. sync        | i. A person who expresses an unfavourable opinion of something.                   |
| 10. in earshot | j. An instance of one moving object or person striking violently against another. |
| 11. collision  | k. Increased the speed of an engine by pressing the accelerator.                  |
| 12. critic     | l. Excessive use, treatment, or action.   |
| 13. beeping    | m. Cause to operate at the same time or rate as something else.                   |
| 14. overkill   | n. Very near.   |

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

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

**1. TRUE / FALSE:** Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

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**

**2. SYNONYM MATCH:** (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

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

**3. PHRASE MATCH:** (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- |                                      |                          |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 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 |

# GAP FILL

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*zip*  
*plug*  
*sidewalks*  
*boom*  
*concerns*  
*alert*  
*rage*  
*presence*

Segway's \$150 Ninebot Engine Speaker can play music or (9) \_\_\_\_\_ up sports car sounds for 23 hours when fully charged. The speaker syncs with the scooter's (10) \_\_\_\_\_, so the faster the vehicle goes, the louder the speaker's rev sounds are. Segway said its engine speaker acts as a (11) \_\_\_\_\_ warning to anyone in earshot that the rider is approaching. Many road safety analysts believe the speaker could reduce the number of (12) \_\_\_\_\_ between scooter riders and pedestrians. However, critics are concerned about an increase in noise (13) \_\_\_\_\_. They say the (14) \_\_\_\_\_ of electric engines is their silence. They believe a simple beeping sound is (15) \_\_\_\_\_ to alert other road users and a V12 sound is (16) \_\_\_\_\_.

*pollution*  
*accelerator*  
*sufficient*  
*revved*  
*overkill*  
*collisions*  
*continuous*  
*beauty*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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

- 1) The electric-powered two-wheelers are helping people nimbly \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. sip through traffic
  - b. strip though traffic
  - c. zip through traffic
  - d. zip lock traffic
- 2) However, they have also brought problems \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. and safest concerns
  - b. and safety concern
  - c. and safe tea concerns
  - d. and safety concerns
- 3) A major scooter manufacturer has started selling a speaker that \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. will alarm pedestrians
  - b. will alert pedestrians
  - c. will a lurch pedestrians
  - d. will alert pedestrian
- 4) Segway is marketing a new speaker accessory that can add \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. V11 engine noises
  - b. V12 engine noises
  - c. V20 engine noises
  - d. W12 engine noises
- 5) their music device and the speaker will boom out the \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. rager's favourite tunes
  - b. raver's favourite tunes
  - c. raider's favourite tunes
  - d. rider's favourite tunes
- 6) The speaker syncs with the scooter's accelerator, so the faster \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. the vehicle go
  - b. the vehicle glows
  - c. the vehicle goes
  - d. the vehicle goers
- 7) Segway said its engine speaker acts as a continuous warning to \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. anyone inner shot
  - b. anyone in a shot
  - c. anyone in earshot
  - d. anyone in near shop
- 8) Many road safety analysts believe the speaker could reduce the \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. number of collusions
  - b. number of collisions
  - c. number of allusions
  - d. number of callouses
- 9) They say the beauty of electric engines \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. is their silent
  - b. is their silos
  - c. is theirs eye lends
  - d. is their silence
- 10) sound is sufficient to alert other road users and a V12 \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. sounds is overt kill
  - b. sound is overt kill
  - c. sound is overly kill
  - d. sound is overkill

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

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

1. Where are electric scooters all the rage?
2. Where do many scooter riders ride illegally?
3. Who will the speaker alert besides pedestrians?
4. What kind of engine noise can the speaker make?
5. What will the rider be able to play besides engine noises?
6. How much does the speaker cost?
7. What makes the revving sound louder?
8. Who believes the speaker could cut the number of collisions?
9. What are critics worried about?
10. What do critics believe is better than the engine sound?

# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

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

- 1) Where are electric scooters all the rage?
  - a) Italy
  - b) in many cities across the world
  - c) on sidewalks
  - d) downtown
- 2) Where do many scooter riders ride illegally?
  - a) in cities
  - b) on farms
  - c) on sidewalks
  - d) on motorways
- 3) Who will the speaker alert besides pedestrians?
  - a) people with hearing problems
  - b) old people
  - c) children
  - d) other road users
- 4) What kind of engine noise can the speaker make?
  - a) an F1 car
  - b) a V12 sound
  - c) a jet engine sound
  - d) a Harley Davidson
- 5) What will the rider be able to play besides engine noises?
  - a) their favourite tunes
  - b) classical music
  - c) computer games
  - d) racing games
- 6) How much does the speaker cost?
  - a) \$150
  - b) \$180
  - c) \$170
  - d) \$190
- 7) What makes the revving sound louder?
  - a) foggy weather
  - b) a computer chip
  - c) narrow streets
  - d) the accelerator
- 8) Who believes the speaker could cut the number of collisions?
  - a) car drivers
  - b) motorbike riders
  - c) road safety experts
  - d) the speaker maker
- 9) What are critics worried about?
  - a) discarded batteries
  - b) collisions
  - c) air pollution
  - d) noise pollution
- 10) What do critics believe is better than the engine sound?
  - a) a siren
  - b) a beeping sound
  - c) an electric sound
  - d) music

# ROLE PLAY

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

## **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.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

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

**1. WORD SEARCH:** Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'electric' and 'scooter'.

electric	scooter

- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS:** Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**3. GAP FILL:** In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

**4. VOCABULARY:** Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

**5. TEST EACH OTHER:** Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• rage</li><li>• concerns</li><li>• lights</li><li>• major</li><li>• add</li><li>• device</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 23</li><li>• syncs</li><li>• acts</li><li>• reduce</li><li>• pollution</li><li>• sufficient</li></ul>
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# ELECTRIC SCOOTERS SURVEY

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

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.

# ELECTRIC SCOOTERS DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'electric'?
3. What do you think of electric scooters?
4. What's the best way to get around town?
5. What's the traffic like in your town?
6. What are the good things about electric scooters?
7. How safe are electric scooters?
8. Should people require a driving license to use an electric scooter?
9. Should electric scooters be allowed on sidewalks?
10. What do you think of being able to use a V12 engine sound?

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# ELECTRIC SCOOTERS DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'scooter'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. Would you use an electric scooter?
15. Do you think the speaker will cut the number of collisions?
16. What are the bad things about electric scooters?
17. What kinds of noise pollution are in your town?
18. Are electric scooters the future?
19. Is a V12 sound to alert pedestrians overkill?
20. What questions would you like to ask Segway?

## **DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)**

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

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## **DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)**

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

# LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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## Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- |     |                   |                |                    |                 |
|-----|-------------------|----------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| 1.  | (a) gauge         | (b) sage       | (c) rage           | (d) page        |
| 2.  | (a) nimbly        | (b) rambling   | (c) amply          | (d) numbly      |
| 3.  | (a) disregard     | (b) guard      | (c) guarded        | (d) regards     |
| 4.  | (a) presence      | (b) presents   | (c) prescience     | (d) pretense    |
| 5.  | (a) at            | (b) up         | (c) of             | (d) to          |
| 6.  | (a) gloom         | (b) doom       | (c) zoom           | (d) boom        |
| 7.  | (a) up            | (b) down       | (c) over           | (d) around      |
| 8.  | (a) be            | (b) sounding   | (c) becomes        | (d) are         |
| 9.  | (a) approaching   | (b) approaches | (c) approach       | (d) approached  |
| 10. | (a) collides      | (b) collisions | (c) colanders      | (d) collections |
| 11. | (a) beatification | (b) beauty     | (c) beautification | (d) bounty      |
| 12. | (a) overkill      | (b) roadkill   | (c) skill          | (d) subskill    |



# SPELLING

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

## Paragraph 1

1. bylmni zip through traffic
2. disregard road glountsreia
3. A major scooter uautmearcfnr
4. a speaker that will alert dntrapeiess
5. a new speaker ryoeccass
6. music edcvei

## Paragraph 2

7. ervedv up sports car sounds
8. The speaker nyscs with the scooter's accelerator
9. the faster the evlihec goes
10. reduce the number of noiscllios
11. a simple beeping sound is ueficsift
12. a V12 sound is evillrko

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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

**Number these lines in the correct order.**

- ( ) brought problems and safety concerns. Many scooter riders disregard road regulations, ignore
- ( ) pollution. They say the beauty of electric engines is their silence. They believe a simple beeping sound
- ( ) charged. The speaker syncs with the scooter's accelerator, so the faster the vehicle goes, the louder the speaker's rev
- ( ) pedestrians and other road users of the scooter's presence. Segway is marketing a new speaker
- ( ) traffic lights and illegally ride on sidewalks. A major scooter manufacturer has started selling a speaker that will alert
- ( ) Segway's \$150 Ninebot Engine Speaker can play music or revved up sports car sounds for 23 hours when fully
- ( ) 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.
- ( ) between scooter riders and pedestrians. However, critics are concerned about an increase in noise
- ( ) approaching. Many road safety analysts believe the speaker could reduce the number of collisions
- ( ) wheelers are helping people nimbly zip through traffic and effortlessly get about town. However, they have also
- ( ) is sufficient to alert other road users and a V12 sound is overkill.
- ( ) sounds are. Segway said its engine speaker acts as a continuous warning to anyone in earshot that the rider is
- ( **1** ) Electric scooters are all the rage in many cities across the world. The electric-powered two-

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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

1. scooters cities . rage in all Electric are the
2. effortlessly get about and through Zip traffic town .
3. ride Ignore and illegally sidewalks . traffic lights on
4. engine A accessory that speaker V12 noises . adds
5. in can The their device . user music plug
6. hours . revved car up 23 Play for sounds
7. speaker Its continuous as acts a warning . engine
8. about concerned Critics pollution . are noise increases in
9. engines their is beauty The silence . electric of
10. They sound beeping is simple believe a sufficient .

# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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Electric scooters are all the *sage / rage* in many cities across the world. The electric-powered two-wheelers are helping people *nimbly / numbly* zip through traffic and effortlessly get *up / about* town. However, they have also brought problems and safety *concern / concerns*. Many scooter riders disregard road regulations, ignore traffic lights and illegally ride *on / in* sidewalks. A major scooter manufacturer has started selling a speaker *what / that* will alert pedestrians and other road *users / uses* of the scooter's presence. Segway is marketing a new speaker accessory that can *plus / add* V12 engine noises to its scooters. *Alternatively / Likewise*, the user can plug in their music device and the speaker will boom *up / out* the rider's favourite tunes.

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

**Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.**

# INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# HOMework

**1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION:** Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

**2. INTERNET:** Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. ELECTRIC SCOOTERS:** Make a poster about electric scooters. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. LICENSES:** Write a magazine article about requiring everyone who rides an electric scooter to get a driving license. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

**5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?** Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**6. LETTER:** Write a letter to an expert on electric scooters. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your ideas on how to make roads safer. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. c    2. d    3. g    4. e    5. a    6. f    7. b  
8. k    9. m    10. n    11. j    12. i    13. h    14. l

## TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- 1 F    2 F    3 T    4 F    5 F    6 T    7 T    8 T

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. In many cities across the world
2. On sidewalks
3. Other road users
4. A V12 sound
5. Their favourite tunes
6. \$150
7. The accelerator
8. Road safety experts
9. Noise pollution
10. A beeping sound

## WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

1. Electric scooters are all the rage in cities.
2. Zip through traffic and effortlessly get about town.
3. Ignore traffic lights and illegally ride on sidewalks.
4. A speaker accessory that adds V12 engine noises.
5. The user can plug in their music device.
6. Play revved up car sounds for 23 hours.
7. Its engine speaker acts as a continuous warning.
8. Critics are concerned about increases in noise pollution.
9. The beauty of electric engines is their silence.
10. They believe a simple beeping sound is sufficient.

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. b    2. c    3. d    4. b    5. a    6. a    7. d    8. c    9. d    10. b

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.  
(It's good for your English ;-)