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Level 0 – 1st August 2024

Japan cracks down on electric rideable suitcases

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<https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2408/240801-rideable-suitcases-0.html>

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Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2408/240801-rideable-suitcases-0.html>

Rideable suitcases are causing problems in Japan. They have a top speed of 13 kph. People are riding them around airports and train stations. Japan says the suitcases are motorized vehicles. This means riders need a helmet, a driver's license, and insurance. The suitcases must have a mirror and indicator lights.

Rideable suitcases are now popular with celebrities. K-pop stars have posted online videos of themselves riding their luggage. Companies have rules for the suitcases. British Airways said they must have removable batteries. A transport expert said strange new types of transport will continue to come out.

Sources: <https://english.kyodonews.net/news/2024/07/17bb6dc8b49c-japan-puts-the-brakes-on-electric-suitcases-amid-tourism-boom.html>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Rideable suitcases are causing | a. a helmet |
| 2. They have a top speed | b. riding them |
| 3. People are | c. vehicles |
| 4. airports and train | d. lights |
| 5. the suitcases are motorized | e. problems in Japan |
| 6. riders need | f. stations |
| 7. a driver's | g. of 13 kph |
| 8. indicator | h. license |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. suitcases are now popular | a. videos of themselves |
| 2. K-pop | b. of transport |
| 3. posted online | c. batteries |
| 4. Companies have rules | d. stars |
| 5. they must have removable | e. to come out |
| 6. A transport | f. with celebrities |
| 7. strange new types | g. expert |
| 8. continue | h. for the suitcases |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2408/240801-rideable-suitcases-0.html>

Rideable suitcases are (1) _____ Japan. They have a (2) _____ 13 kph. People are riding them (3) _____ train stations. Japan says the suitcases are motorized vehicles. This (4) _____ a helmet, a driver's (5) _____. The suitcases must have a (6) _____ lights.

Rideable suitcases (7) _____ with celebrities. K-pop stars (8) _____ videos of themselves riding their luggage. Companies (9) _____ the suitcases. British Airways (10) _____ have removable batteries. (11) _____ said strange new types of transport will (12) _____ out.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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met,adriver'slicense,andinsurance.Thesuitcasesmusthaveamirrora
ndindicatorlights.Rideablesuitcasesarenowpopularwithcelebrities.K
-popstarshavepostedonlinevideosoftemselvesridingtheirluggag
e.Companieshaverulesforthesuitcases.BritishAirwayssaidtheymust
haveremovablebatteries.Atransportexpertsaidstrangenewtypesoftr
ansportwillcontinuetocomeout.

SUITCASES SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2408/240801-rideable-suitcases-0.html>

Write five GOOD questions about suitcases 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) _____

