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Level 2 – 1st August 2024

Japan cracks down on electric rideable suitcases

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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The latest advance in suitcases is causing problems in Japan. It is a rideable suitcase that travellers can sit on. They have a speed of up to 13 kph. The speedy luggage is growing in popularity. People are riding their suitcases around airports, train stations and streets. However, the luggage is classed as a motorized vehicle in Japanese law. This means the rider needs a helmet, a driver's license, and insurance. The suitcases must be registered, and have a rear-view mirror and indicator lights. Japanese airports have asked tourists to pull rather than ride the suitcases.

Electric luggage has been around since 2016. One company that made them had a slogan. It was "the carry-on that carries you". The rideable suitcases are now popular with celebrities. K-pop stars Blackpink and singer Katie Perry have posted online videos of themselves riding their luggage. Companies also have rules for this new way of getting around. British Airways will only allow them on airplanes if the batteries can be removed. A transport expert said: "Unexpected new forms of transport will continue to emerge." He added that new laws will always be needed.

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. The latest advance | a. view mirror |
| 2. They have a speed of up | b. in Japanese law |
| 3. The speedy luggage is | c. ride the suitcases |
| 4. classed as a motorized vehicle | d. growing in popularity |
| 5. a driver's | e. in suitcases |
| 6. The suitcases must be | f. to 13 kph |
| 7. have a rear- | g. registered |
| 8. asked tourists to pull rather than | h. license |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Electric luggage has been | a. forms of transport |
| 2. One company that made them | b. carries you |
| 3. the carry-on that | c. had a slogan |
| 4. suitcases are now popular | d. emerge |
| 5. this new way of | e. be needed |
| 6. Unexpected new | f. around since 2016 |
| 7. continue to | g. getting around |
| 8. new laws will always | h. with celebrities |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The (1) _____ suitcases is causing problems in Japan. It is a rideable suitcase that travellers can sit on. They have a (2) _____ to 13 kph. The speedy luggage is (3) _____. People are riding their suitcases around airports, train stations and streets. However, the luggage (4) _____ a motorized vehicle in Japanese law. This means the rider needs a helmet, a driver's license, and insurance. The suitcases must be registered, and have a (5) _____ and indicator lights. Japanese airports have asked tourists to (6) _____ ride the suitcases.

Electric luggage has (7) _____ 2016. One company that made them (8) _____. It was "the carry-on that carries you". The rideable suitcases are now popular with celebrities. K-pop stars Blackpink and singer Katie Perry have (9) _____ of themselves riding their luggage. Companies also have rules for this new way (10) _____. British Airways will only allow them on airplanes if the batteries (11) _____. A transport expert said: "Unexpected new forms of transport will (12) _____." He added that new laws will always be needed.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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SUITCASES SURVEY

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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) _____

