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Level 0 – 8th January, 2021

Taxi driver offers free rides for singing karaoke

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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/2101/210108-karaoke-0.html>

A taxi driver is giving free rides for songs. He loves karaoke and listening to people sing. He is famous for his taxi's flashing disco lights and the pink neon star. People can choose a "karaoke" option on a taxi app in the capital. When he arrives, you get a microphone and an iPad for you to select the song you want to sing.

The taxi driver loves his job. He said: "No one is as lucky as me." He has given free rides for songs for eight years. He has filmed over 10,000 videos. Some of his videos have over two million views. If people do not sing, they get no free ride. He has been on TV in 10 countries. His dream is to give a ride to singer Ed Sheeran.

Sources: <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2021/jan/04/training-their-courage-taiwan-taxi-driver-offers-free-rides-for-karaoke>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. A taxi driver is | a. "karaoke" option |
| 2. He loves | b. sing |
| 3. listening to people | c. want to sing |
| 4. flashing disco | d. get a microphone |
| 5. People can choose a | e. karaoke |
| 6. on a taxi | f. lights |
| 7. When he arrives, you | g. app |
| 8. select the song you | h. giving free rides |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. The taxi driver | a. not sing |
| 2. No one is as | b. over 10,000 videos |
| 3. He has given | c. loves his job |
| 4. He has filmed | d. in 10 countries |
| 5. over two million | e. free rides |
| 6. If people do | f. lucky as me |
| 7. He has been on TV | g. singer Ed Sheeran |
| 8. give a ride to | h. views |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2101/210108-karaoke-0.html>

A taxi driver (1) _____ rides for songs. He loves
karaoke (2) _____ people sing. He is famous for
his taxi's flashing (3) _____ the pink neon star.
People (4) _____ "karaoke" option on a taxi app
(5) _____. When he arrives, you get a
microphone and an iPad for you to select the song
(6) _____ sing.

The taxi driver (7) _____. He said: "No one is as
lucky as me." He (8) _____ rides for songs for
eight years. He (9) _____ 10,000 videos. Some
of his videos (10) _____ million views. If people
do not sing, they (11) _____ ride. He has been on
TV in 10 countries. His dream is to give (12) _____
singer Ed Sheeran.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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KARAOKE SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2101/210108-karaoke-0.html>

Write five GOOD questions about karaoke 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) _____

