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Level 2 – 17th February, 2022

Flying taxis could be here in next three years

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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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There will soon be a new form of transport - flying taxis. Many of us grew up watching sci-fi movies with these. Science fiction is becoming science fact. The Japanese airline ANA and a U.S. tech start-up called Joby Aviation will start operating air taxis at the 2025 World Expo in Osaka. They are currently building the flying vehicle. They need to work out what traffic rules the taxis will follow, and what kind of training flying taxi pilots will need. The five-seat, all-electric taxi will take off and land vertically. It will fly as far as 241 kilometers and have a top speed of 321kph.

Joby's CEO said the taxis are good for the environment. He said people will save time and reduce their carbon footprint. He added that Japan was a great place to test the taxis. This is because 92 per cent of the population live in towns and cities, and Tokyo is one of the most congested cities in the world. The president of ANA was excited about the project. He said: "ANA has 70 years of experience delivering safe and reliable flights....Being able to provide customers with the option to travel rapidly, and sustainably, from an international airport to a downtown location is very appealing."

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--|-----------------------|
| 1. There will soon be a new | a. air taxis |
| 2. Many of us grew up watching sci- | b. fact |
| 3. Science fiction is becoming science | c. start-up |
| 4. a U.S. tech | d. pilots |
| 5. start operating | e. the flying vehicle |
| 6. They are currently building | f. form of transport |
| 7. flying taxi | g. of 321kph |
| 8. have a top speed | h. fi movies |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. the taxis are good | a. cities |
| 2. people will save | b. footprint |
| 3. reduce their carbon | c. reliable flights |
| 4. Japan was a great place to | d. time |
| 5. one of the most congested | e. about the project |
| 6. ANA was excited | f. for the environment |
| 7. delivering safe and | g. sustainably |
| 8. travel rapidly and | h. test the taxis |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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There will soon be a (1) _____ transport - flying taxis. Many of us grew up watching (2) _____ these. Science fiction is becoming science fact. The Japanese airline ANA and a U.S. (3) _____ Joby Aviation will start operating air taxis at the 2025 World Expo in Osaka. They are currently building (4) _____. They need to work out what traffic rules the taxis will follow, and what kind of training flying taxi (5) _____. The five-seat, all-electric taxi will take off and land vertically. It will fly as far as 241 kilometers and have a (6) _____ 321kph.

Joby's CEO said the taxis (7) _____ the environment. He said people will save (8) _____ their carbon footprint. He added that Japan was a great place to test the taxis. This is because 92 per cent of the population live in (9) _____, and Tokyo is one of the most congested cities in the world. The president of ANA was excited about the project. He said: "ANA has (10) _____ experience delivering safe and reliable flights....Being able to provide customers with the (11) _____ rapidly, and sustainably, from an international airport to a downtown location (12) _____."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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FLYING TAXIS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about flying taxis 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) _____

