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Taxi driver offers free rides for singing karaoke

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THE ARTICLE

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

A taxi driver in Taiwan is offering free rides in exchange for singing a karaoke song. Mr Tu Ching Liang, 57, is a big fan of driving, karaoke and of listening to people sing. Mr Tu has become famous for the disco lights in his taxi and his offer of free rides. It is easy to spot his yellow taxi. It has a pink neon star on the dashboard and colourful flashing lights inside. People can select a "karaoke" option if they use a taxi-locating app in the capital city of Taiwan. Mr Tu will appear on your smartphone screen. When Mr Tu's taxi arrives, he will give you a microphone and an iPad on which you can go to YouTube and select the song you want to sing. He says people have more bravery to sing at night.

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WARM-UPS

1. KARAOKE: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about karaoke. 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?

taxi driver / karaoke / driving / famous / disco lights / capital city / smartphone / sing lucky / money / rewards / newspaper / discount / celebrity / international / influencer

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

3. SINGING: Students A **strongly** believe governments should create programmes to get us to sing more every day; Students B **strongly** believe this is silly. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. FREE: What could you get for free with these things? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Free Things	How Happy Would You Be?
Singing a song		
Painting a picture		
Cooking		
Teaching English		
DIY		
Telling a story		

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

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

- Rock 'n' roll
- Rap
- Classical
- Folk
- Country
- Disco
- Pop
- Heavy metal

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|--------------------|--|
| 1. in exchange for | a. Behaviour that shows strength and courage. |
| 2. fan | b. A specially reduced price for something. |
| 3. offer | c. Fluorescent lighting or signs containing a gas. |
| 4. spot | d. To swap one thing for another. |
| 5. neon | e. A thing that is or may be chosen. |
| 6. option | f. A person who has a strong interest in or admiration for a particular person or thing. |
| 7. bravery | g. See or notice. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|----------------|--|
| 8. rushing | h. Looked at. |
| 9. reward | i. A famous person. |
| 10. discount | j. A traveller on a public or private vehicle, but not the driver, pilot, or crew. |
| 11. viewed | k. A thing given for someone's service, effort, or achievement. |
| 12. celebrity | l. A person on social media who uses their popularity to change people's minds. |
| 13. influencer | m. A deduction from the usual cost of something, typically given for prompt or advance payment or to a special category of buyers. |
| 14. passenger | n. Moving quickly and in a hurry to get somewhere. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

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

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

- a. A taxi driver loves singing but hates listening to people sing. **T / F**
- b. The article says the taxi driver is famous for going to discos. **T / F**
- c. The taxi driver has a pink taxi with a yellow neon star on top. **T / F**
- d. The taxi driver said people were braver to sing at night. **T / F**
- e. The driver said he was lucky to have his job and make no money. **T / F**
- f. The taxi driver says he has been giving free rides for 27 years. **T / F**
- g. The driver's YouTube videos have been viewed over 2,000,000 times. **T / F**
- h. The driver's dream is to have a singer as a passenger. **T / F**

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

- | | |
|--------------------|---------------|
| 1. offering | a. fortunate |
| 2. fan | b. see |
| 3. famous | c. bonuses |
| 4. spot | d. enthusiast |
| 5. bravery | e. wish |
| 6. lucky | f. courage |
| 7. rushing | g. providing |
| 8. rewards | h. price cut |
| 9. discount | i. well known |
| 10. dream | j. hurrying |

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

- | | |
|---|-------------------------|
| 1. offering free rides in | a. his yellow taxi |
| 2. Ching Liang, 57, is a big | b. to sing at night |
| 3. It is easy to spot | c. influencer |
| 4. People can select a "karaoke" | d. to go to work |
| 5. people have more bravery | e. not get a discount |
| 6. walking out the door every day rushing | f. exchange for singing |
| 7. giving money as | g. option |
| 8. if people do not sing, they do | h. two million times |
| 9. Some have been viewed over | i. fan of driving |
| 10. I'm an international | j. rewards |

GAP FILL

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

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fan
select
option
bravery
famous
offering
appear
spot

Mr Tu loves his job. He joked: "No one is as (9) _____ as me, walking out the door every day (10) _____ to go to work and not make any money." He added: "I've been driving a taxi for 27 years, giving money as (11) _____ for singing karaoke for eight years, and filming videos for six years. I've (12) _____ over 10,000 videos." He told a reporter from the UK's "Guardian" newspaper that if people do not sing, they do not get a (13) _____ or a free ride. Mr Tu uploads his videos on YouTube. Some have been (14) _____ over two million times. He has become a (15) _____, saying: "I was on TV shows from 10 different countries. I'm an international influencer." His dream is to have singer Ed Sheeran as a (16) _____.

viewed
rewards
lucky
discount
celebrity
rushing
passenger
filmed

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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

- 1) A taxi driver in Taiwan is offering free rides in _____
 - a. exchange four singing
 - b. exchange of singing
 - c. exchange from singing
 - d. exchange for singing
- 2) Mr Tu has become famous for the disco _____ taxi
 - a. lights in this
 - b. lights in his
 - c. lights in him
 - d. lights in whizz
- 3) It has a pink neon star on the dashboard and colourful _____
 - a. flashing light sin side
 - b. flashing lights inside
 - c. flashing lights sin side
 - d. flashing light inside
- 4) People can select a "karaoke" option if they use a _____
 - a. taxi-locating gap
 - b. taxi-locating app
 - c. taxi-locating nap
 - d. taxi-locate tin app
- 5) select the song you want to sing. He says people _____
 - a. have mere bravery
 - b. have mare bravery
 - c. have more bravery
 - d. have mort bravery
- 6) No one is as lucky as me, walking out the door every day _____ to work
 - a. rush in to go
 - b. rush into go
 - c. rushing in to go
 - d. rushing to go
- 7) I've been driving a taxi for 27 years, giving _____
 - a. money as rewards
 - b. money was reward
 - c. money has rewards
 - d. money is reward
- 8) if people do not sing, they do not _____
 - a. bet a discount
 - b. let a discount
 - c. get a discount
 - d. set a discount
- 9) I was on TV shows from 10 different countries. I'm _____
 - a. an internationally influencer
 - b. an international influencer
 - c. an international influential
 - d. an intern rational influencer
- 10) His dream is to have singer Ed Sheeran _____
 - a. as a passengers
 - b. was a passenger
 - c. has the passenger
 - d. as a passenger

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

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

1. How old is the taxi driver?
2. What kinds of lights are there in the taxi driver's taxi?
3. What option can people in Taiwan's capital choose on an app?
4. What does the taxi driver give to passengers besides an iPad?
5. What are people braver to do at night?
6. How much money does the taxi driver say he makes?
7. For how long has the man worked as a taxi driver?
8. How many videos has the taxi driver filmed?
9. In how many countries has the taxi driver been on TV?
10. Who does the taxi driver want as a passenger?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

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

- 1) How old is the taxi driver?
 - a) 56
 - b) 59
 - c) 57
 - d) 55
- 2) What kinds of lights are there in the taxi driver's taxi?
 - a) disco lights
 - b) blue lights
 - c) bright lights
 - d) soft lights
- 3) What option can people in Taiwan's capital choose on an app?
 - a) an instrument option
 - b) a karaoke option
 - c) a song option
 - d) a ride option
- 4) What does the taxi driver give to passengers besides an iPad?
 - a) a song list
 - b) a song sheet
 - c) a video camera
 - d) a microphone
- 5) What are people braver to do at night?
 - a) take a taxi
 - b) go to karaoke
 - c) sing
 - d) drive
- 6) How much money does the taxi driver say he makes?
 - a) \$10 an hour
 - b) nothing
 - c) \$1 a ride
 - d) \$1,000 a week
- 7) For how long has the man worked as a taxi driver?
 - a) 25 years
 - b) 28 years
 - c) 29 years
 - d) 27 years
- 8) How many videos has the taxi driver filmed?
 - a) exactly 10,000
 - b) over 10,000
 - c) around 10,000
 - d) under 10,000
- 9) In how many countries has the taxi driver been on TV?
 - a) 12
 - b) 10
 - c) 8
 - d) 5
- 10) Who does the taxi driver want as a passenger?
 - a) Ed Sheeran
 - b) Beyonce
 - c) Jay Z
 - d) BTS

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Rock 'n' Roll

You think rock 'n' roll is the best kind of music. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their music. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): classical, pop or folk.

Role B – Classical

You think classical is the best kind of music. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their music. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): rock 'n' roll, pop or folk.

Role C – Pop

You think pop is the best kind of music. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their music. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): classical, rock 'n' roll or folk.

Role D – Folk

You think folk is the best kind of music. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their music. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): classical, pop or rock 'n' roll.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

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

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

taxi	driver
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- 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">• exchange• fan• spot• option• screen• bravery	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• lucky• 27• 10,000• discount• 10• dream
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KARAOKE SURVEY

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

KARAOKE 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 'taxi'?
3. What do you think of karaoke?
4. Would you be a good taxi driver?
5. Why is karaoke so popular?
6. Would you like to ride in Mr Tu's taxi?
7. What song would you sing in a taxi?
8. Why are people braver to sing at night?
9. What is the best thing about taxis?
10. How much do you like singing?

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KARAOKE 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 'karaoke'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What do you think of taxi drivers?
15. Why do you think Mr Tu gives people free rides?
16. Do you prefer taxis or trains?
17. Would you like to be a celebrity?
18. How important are social media influencers?
19. Which singer would you like to meet?
20. What questions would you like to ask Mr Tu?

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) exchange | (b) changer | (c) changing | (d) exchanger |
| 2. | (a) fun | (b) fin | (c) fan | (d) fen |
| 3. | (a) defer | (b) safer | (c) offer | (d) effort |
| 4. | (a) portion | (b) shipment | (c) ramble | (d) option |
| 5. | (a) arrival | (b) arrived | (c) arrives | (d) arriving |
| 6. | (a) braves | (b) bravery | (c) braved | (d) brave |
| 7. | (a) gushing | (b) rushing | (c) hushing | (d) pushing |
| 8. | (a) forwards | (b) rewards | (c) onwards | (d) backwards |
| 9. | (a) counter | (b) viscount | (c) discount | (d) ascent |
| 10. | (a) wielded | (b) wed | (c) vowed | (d) viewed |
| 11. | (a) religion | (b) people | (c) belief | (d) influencer |
| 12. | (a) agent | (b) discount | (c) song | (d) passenger |

SPELLING

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

Paragraph 1

1. offering free rides in gheaxcne for singing
2. a pink neon star on the ahdrbdsoa
3. a taxi-locating app in the claiapat city of Taiwan
4. Mr Tu will appear on your smartphone ernecs
5. go to YouTube and csleet the song
6. people have more rrayevb to sing at night

Paragraph 2

7. rnhsGui to go to work
8. giving money as dserrwa for singing
9. they do not get a udntiosc
10. He has become a eicerytbl
11. I'm an international flnnceieur
12. have singer Ed Sheeran as a esgensarp

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () go to work and not make any money." He added: "I've been driving a taxi for 27 years, giving money as
- () arrives, he will give you a microphone and an iPad on which you can go to YouTube and select
- () neon star on the dashboard and colourful flashing lights inside. People can select a "karaoke" option if they use a taxi-locating
- () Mr Tu loves his job. He joked: "No one is as lucky as me, walking out the door every day rushing to
- () the song you want to sing. He says people have more bravery to sing at night.
- () lights in his taxi and his offer of free rides. It is easy to spot his yellow taxi. It has a pink
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- () over two million times. He has become a celebrity, saying: "I was on TV shows from 10 different
- (**1**) A taxi driver in Taiwan is offering free rides in exchange for singing a karaoke song. Mr Tu Ching Liang, 57, is a big
- () rewards for singing karaoke for eight years, and filming videos for six years. I've filmed
- () a discount or a free ride. Mr Tu uploads his videos on YouTube. Some have been viewed
- () fan of driving, karaoke and of listening to people sing. Mr Tu has become famous for the disco
- () countries. I'm an international influencer." His dream is to have singer Ed Sheeran as a passenger.
- () app in the capital city of Taiwan. Mr Tu will appear on your smartphone screen. When Mr Tu's taxi

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. rides . driver A in is free Taiwan offering taxi
2. lights . the disco become Tu for famous has
3. taxi . is easy his yellow spot to It
4. on dashboard . neon star There's pink the a
5. have at more to night . sing bravery People
6. one am . I lucky No is as as
7. taxi been years . driving I've for 27 a
8. over been two million Some times . viewed have
9. discount free don't ride . a or They get
10. from was TV on I 10 countries . shows

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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

A taxi driver in Taiwan is *offered* / *offering* free rides in exchange for singing a karaoke song. Mr Tu Ching Liang, 57, is a big *fun* / *fan* of driving, karaoke and of listening to people sing. Mr Tu has become *famous* / *famously* for the disco lights in his taxi and his *coffer* / *offer* of free rides. It is easy to *spit* / *spot* his yellow taxi. It has a pink *none* / *neon* star on the dashboard and colourful flashing lights inside. People can select a "karaoke" option if they use a taxi-locating *pup* / *app* in the capital city of Taiwan. Mr Tu will appear on your smartphone screen. When Mr Tu's taxi *arrival* / *arrives*, he will give you a microphone and an iPad on which you can go to YouTube and *selection* / *select* the song you want to sing. He says people have more *brave* / *bravery* to sing at night.

Mr Tu loves his job. He joked: "No one is as *luck* / *lucky* as me, walking out the door every day *rush* / *rushing* to go to work and not make any money." He added: "I've been driving a taxi for 27 years, giving money as *reward* / *rewards* for singing karaoke for eight years, and filming videos for six years. I've *filmed* / *filming* over 10,000 videos." He told a reporter from the UK's "Guardian" newspaper that if people do not sing, they do not get a *viscount* / *discount* or a free ride. Mr Tu uploads his videos on YouTube. Some have been *views* / *viewed* over two million times. He has become a *celebrity* / *celery*, saying: "I was on TV *show* / *shows* from 10 different countries. I'm an international *influential* / *influencer*." His dream is to have singer Ed Sheeran as a *passerby* / *passenger*.

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)

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

_ t_x_ dr_v_r _n T__w_n _s _ff_r_ng fr__ r_d_s _n
_xch_ng_ f_r s_ng_ng _ k_r__k_ s_ng. Mr T_ Ch_ng
L__ng, 57, _s _ b_g f_n _f dr_v_ng, k_r__k_ _nd _f
l_st_n_ng t_ p__pl_ s_ng. Mr T_ h_s b_c_m_ f_m__s
f_r th_ d_sc_ l_ghts _n h_s t_x_ _nd h_s _ff_r _f
fr__ r_d_s. _t _s __sy t_ sp_t h_s y_ll_w t_x_. _t
h_s _ p_nk n__n st_r _n th_ d_shb__rd _nd c_l__rf_l
fl_sh_ng l_ghts _ns_d_. P__pl_ c_n s_l_ct _ "k_r__k_"
_pt__n _f th_y _s_ _ t_x_-l_c_t_ng _pp _n th_ c_p_t_l
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s_ys p__pl_ h_v_ m_r_ br_v_ry t_ s_ng _t_n_ght.

Mr T_ l_v_s h_s j_b. H_ j_k_d: "N_ _n_ _s _s l_cky
s m, w_lk_ng __t th_ d__r _v_ry d_y r_sh_ng t_ g_
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n_wsp_p_r th_t _f p__pl_ d_ n_t s_ng, th_y d_ n_t
g_t _ d_sc__nt _r _ fr__ r_d_. Mr T_ _pl__ds h_s
v_d__s _n Y__T_b_. S_m_ h_v_ b__n v__w_d _v_r tw_
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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

a taxi driver in taiwan is offering free rides in exchange for singing a karaoke song mr tu ching liang 57 is a big fan of driving karaoke and of listening to people sing mr tu has become famous for the disco lights in his taxi and his offer of free rides it is easy to spot his yellow taxi it has a pink neon star on the dashboard and colourful flashing lights inside people can select a karaoke option if they use a taxilocating app in the capital city of Taiwan mr tu will appear on your smartphone screen when mr tus taxi arrives he will give you a microphone and an ipad on which you can go to youtube and select the song you want to sing he says people have more bravery to sing at night

mr tu loves his job he joked no one is as lucky as me walking out the door every day rushing to go to work and not make any money he added ive been driving a taxi for 27 years giving money as rewards for singing karaoke for eight years and filming videos for six years ive filmed over 10000 videos he told a reporter from the uks guardian newspaper that if people do not sing they do not get a discount or a free ride mr tu uploads his videos on youtube some have been viewed over two million times he has become a celebrity saying i was on tv shows from 10 different countries im an international influencer his dream is to have singer ed sheeran as a passenger

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. KARAOKE: Make a poster about karaoke. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. DAILY SONGS: Write a magazine article about making karaoke and daily singing a part of everyday life. 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 karaoke. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your ideas on why karaoke is good for us. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

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

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- a F b F c F d T e T f F g T h T

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

- 57
- Disco lights
- A karaoke option
- A microphone
- Sing
- Nothing
- 27 years
- Over 10,000
- Ten
- Ed Sheeran

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

- A taxi driver in Taiwan is offering free rides.
- Tu has become famous for the disco lights.
- It is easy to spot his yellow taxi.
- There's a pink neon star on the dashboard.
- People have more bravery to sing at night.
- No one is as lucky as I am.
- I've been driving a taxi for 27 years.
- Some have been viewed over two million times.
- They don't get a discount or free ride.
- I was on TV shows from 10 countries.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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