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Level 0 – 17th February, 2022

Flying taxis could be here in next three years

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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/2202/220217-flying-taxis-0.html>

There will soon be flying taxis, just like from science fiction movies. The Japanese airline ANA and a U.S. company will fly air taxis at the 2025 World Expo. Pilots will follow air traffic rules. The five-seat, all-electric taxi will take off and land like a helicopter. It can fly as far as 241 kilometers. It has a top speed of 321kph.

The taxis are environmentally friendly. People can lower their carbon footprint. Japan is a great place to test the taxis because 92% of people live in cities. ANA has 70 years of safe and reliable flights. It said the taxis will let people "travel rapidly, and sustainably, from an international airport to a downtown location".

Sources: <https://mainichi.jp/english/articles/20220215/p2g/00m/0bu/026000c>
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PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2202/220217-flying-taxis-0.html>

PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. just like from science | a. ANA |
| 2. The Japanese airline | b. as 241 kilometers |
| 3. fly air taxis at the | c. electric taxi |
| 4. Pilots will follow air | d. of 321kph |
| 5. The five-seat, all- | e. 2025 World Expo |
| 6. take off and land | f. fiction movies |
| 7. It can fly as far | g. like a helicopter |
| 8. It has a top speed | h. traffic rules |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. The taxis are environmentally | a. international airport |
| 2. lower their carbon | b. the taxis |
| 3. Japan | c. footprint |
| 4. test | d. location |
| 5. people live | e. is a great place |
| 6. let people travel rapidly, | f. in cities |
| 7. from an | g. and sustainably |
| 8. to a downtown | h. friendly |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2202/220217-flying-taxis-0.html>

There (1) _____ flying taxis, just like from science fiction movies. The (2) _____ and a U.S. company will fly (3) _____ the 2025 World Expo.

Pilots will follow air traffic rules. The five-seat, all-electric taxi will (4) _____ land like a helicopter. It can (5) _____ as 241 kilometers. It has (6) _____ of 321kph.

The taxis (7) _____. People can lower their carbon footprint. Japan is (8) _____ to test the taxis because 92% of people (9) _____. ANA has 70 (10) _____ and reliable flights. It said the taxis will let (11) _____, and sustainably, from an international airport to (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) _____

