

British Culture & Society II

Taxi!

A B : Preview

Ask your partner the following question and write down their answer. Answer your partner's question with an English sentence:

- a) When was the last time you took a taxi? From where to where? How much did it cost? Why did you take it?

- b) What do you think of Tokyo taxi drivers? Think of one good, one bad point and one idea to improve Japanese taxis:

- i) Bad: _____
ii) Good: _____
iii) Idea: _____

Meaning: 'cabbie' = a London taxi cab driver

Vocabulary

The words in column A are all used in this video. Match them with the correct definition in column B:

A

- i) tracked
ii) generous
iii) moan
iv) motorized
v) essential
vi) route
vii) tough
viii) scared
ix) to handle
x) responsibility

B

- to complain
be followed
be frightened
wide inside
to manage
easy to give things away to other people
an important duty
a way to go somewhere
difficult
powered by an engine

xi) spacious

very important



Questions

Watch the video and answer your partner's questions with an English sentence.

Ask your partner your questions and write down the answer:

プリントを相手と交換して、あなたがビデオを見た後で答える質

をノートに写してください。相手もあなたの質問をノートに写して、答えます。ビデオが終わったら、質疑応答を交替で行ってください。

1. How many people use London's black taxi cabs every day?

2. When did taxi cabs first appear in London? When was the first modern cab launched?

3. Why were Londoners often scared to ride in them (3 reasons)?

4. What is the height of the interior of a London cab?

5. Why is the distance between the facing seats 43.18 cms?

6. What are the 2 best points of being a cab driver?

7. What are the 2 worst points of being a cab driver?

8. What do the following numbers mean?
 - i) 2/300 –
 - ii) 10/12 –
 - iii) 120/130 or 150/200 -
 - iv) 21,000 –

v) 25/30 –

9. How far will they drive?

10. Why are the cabs easy to drive (4 reasons)?

11. What is 'the knowledge'?

12. If you want to be London cab driver, what must you learn?

13. How big is central London? How many streets are there?

14. Which kinds of building must they also remember (8 types)?

15. How many people learning to be cab drivers pass the test?

16. If they pass the test, they receive a licence & a 'bible'. What is this 'bible'?

17. Who are the best passengers (2/3 types)?

18. Who are the worst passengers?

19. At radio controlled cabbie service, how many calls do they handle?

20. When somebody phones for a taxi, how does the call centre know which cab to send?
