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## **Flying taxis could be here in next three years**

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# THE ARTICLE

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

A new form of transport will be with us in the next few years - flying taxis. Many of us grew up watching sci-fi movies with airborne taxis. Science fiction is now becoming science fact. The Japanese airline ANA has teamed up with a U.S. tech start-up called Joby Aviation. The two companies aim to start operating air taxis at the 2025 World Expo in Osaka. They are currently working together on building the flying vehicle. They also need to work out what traffic rules the taxis will need to follow, and what kind of training flying taxi pilots will need. The five-seat, all-electric taxi will be able to take off and land vertically. It will have a flight range of 241 kilometers and a top speed of 321kph.

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# WARM-UPS

**1. FLYING TAXIS:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about flying taxis. 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?

form / next few years / flying taxis / sci-fi / movies / World Expo / traffic rules / speed environment / carbon / footprint / opportunity / population / cities / project / airport

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

**3. AIR TAXIS:** Students A **strongly** believe air taxis are a great thing; Students B **strongly** believe they are not. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**4. SCIENCE FICTION:** What will these things be like in the future? What examples of this have you seen in science fiction? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	The Future	Science Fiction
Cars		
Food		
Education		
Health		
Internet		
Money		

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

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

- Flying taxi
- Bus
- Train
- Subway
- Motorbike
- Ship
- Helicopter
- Bicycle

# VOCABULARY MATCHING

## Paragraph 1

- |                    |   |
|--------------------|---|
| 1. form            | a. The movement of ships, trains, aircraft, or people on the streets. |
| 2. science fiction | b. The action or process of flying through the air.                   |
| 3. start-up        | c. A type or kind of something.                                       |
| 4. aim             | d. Stories based on life in space, the future or amazing technology.  |
| 5. traffic         | e. The thing you want to achieve.                                     |
| 6. vertically      | f. Up and down.   |
| 7. flight          | g. A very new business.   |

## Paragraph 2

- |                 |  |
|-----------------|--|
| 8. exist        | h. Always good in quality or performance; able to be trusted.  |
| 9. reducing     | i. Of a road or place that is very crowded with cars, buses, etc. or people as to hinder or prevent freedom of movement. |
| 10. spectacular | j. In, relating to, or characteristic of a town or city.   |
| 11. urban       | k. Be or live.   |
| 12. congested   | l. Attractive or interesting.  |
| 13. reliable    | m. Making smaller or less in amount, degree, or size.  |
| 14. appealing   | n. Amazingly large.  |

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

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

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

1. We will be using the same flying taxis from sci-fi movies. **T / F**
2. An American airline teamed up with a Japanese tech start-up. **T / F**
3. The taxis will first be used in Tokyo in 2025. **T / F**
4. The taxi will be able to fly at over 300kph. **T / F**
5. The new flying taxis will be environmentally friendly. **T / F**
6. Over ninety per cent of people in Japan live in towns and cities. **T / F**
7. Tokyo is the most congested city in the world. **T / F**
8. The CEO of ANA said sustainable travel was appealing. **T / F**

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

- |                       |                 |
|-----------------------|-----------------|
| 1. <b>form</b>        | a. chance       |
| 2. <b>teamed up</b>   | b. span         |
| 3. <b>operating</b>   | c. attractive   |
| 4. <b>training</b>    | d. running      |
| 5. <b>range</b>       | e. lowering     |
| 6. <b>reducing</b>    | f. kind         |
| 7. <b>opportunity</b> | g. built-up     |
| 8. <b>urban</b>       | h. dependable   |
| 9. <b>reliable</b>    | i. collaborated |
| 10. <b>appealing</b>  | j. instruction  |

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

- |   |                              |
|---|------------------------------|
| 1. A new form of transport will be with us in | a. congested cities          |
| 2. Many of us grew up                         | b. range of 241 kilometers   |
| 3. ANA has teamed up                          | c. will need to follow       |
| 4. what traffic rules the taxis               | d. location                  |
| 5. It will have a flight                      | e. with a U.S. tech start-up |
| 6. taxis would be good                        | f. footprint                 |
| 7. while reducing their carbon                | g. the next few years        |
| 8. one of the top 20 most                     | h. flights                   |
| 9. safe and reliable                          | i. for the environment       |
| 10. a downtown                                | j. watching sci-fi movies    |

# GAP FILL

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

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*fiction*  
*speed*  
*aim*  
*vertically*  
*teamed*  
*rules*  
*form*  
*currently*

Joby's CEO said the taxis would be (9) \_\_\_\_\_ for the environment. He told reporters: "Joby exists to help people save time while (10) \_\_\_\_\_ their carbon footprint. Japan offers us a spectacular opportunity to do just that with 92 per cent of the population living in (11) \_\_\_\_\_ areas, and Tokyo being one of the top 20 most congested (12) \_\_\_\_\_ in the world." The president of ANA, Koji Shibata, was also excited about the (13) \_\_\_\_\_. He said: "ANA has 70 years of experience delivering safe and (14) \_\_\_\_\_ flights to customers across the world....Being able to provide them with the (15) \_\_\_\_\_ to travel rapidly, and sustainably, from an international airport to a (16) \_\_\_\_\_ location is very appealing."

*reliable*  
*good*  
*urban*  
*project*  
*option*  
*cities*  
*downtown*  
*reducing*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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

- 1) A new form of transport will be with us in the \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. next flew years
  - b. next phew years
  - c. next few years
  - d. next furor years
- 2) Many of us grew up watching \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. syphon movies
  - b. safe-eye movies
  - c. say hi movies
  - d. sci-fi movies
- 3) They are currently working together on building \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. the flying vehicle
  - b. the fly in vehicle
  - c. the frying vehicle
  - d. the flaying vehicle
- 4) The five-seat, all-electric taxi will be able to take off \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. and land vertically
  - b. and laud vertically
  - c. and rand vertically
  - d. England vertically
- 5) It will have a flight range of 241 kilometers and a top \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. speed off 321kph
  - b. speed of 321kph
  - c. speed oft 321kph
  - d. speed doff 321kph
- 6) Joby's CEO said the taxis would be good \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. further environment
  - b. fore the environment
  - c. four the environment
  - d. for the environment
- 7) Joby exists to help people save time while reducing \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. their car bon footprint
  - b. their carbon footprint
  - c. their carbine footprint
  - d. their carb on footprint
- 8) opportunity to do just that with 92 per cent of the population living \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. in urban areas
  - b. inner ban areas
  - c. inner van areas
  - d. in a ban areas
- 9) Being able to provide them with the option to travel \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. rapid, and sustainably
  - b. rapidly, and sustainable
  - c. rapidly, and sustainably
  - d. rap piddling, and sustainably
- 10) from an international airport to a downtown location \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. is very appearing
  - b. is very apple ring
  - c. is very a peel ring
  - d. is very appealing

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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

A (1) \_\_\_\_\_ transport will be with us in the next few years - flying taxis. Many of us grew up watching sci-fi movies with airborne taxis. Science fiction is now (2) \_\_\_\_\_. The Japanese airline ANA has teamed up with a U.S. tech start-up called Joby Aviation. The two companies (3) \_\_\_\_\_ operating air taxis at the 2025 World Expo in Osaka. They are currently working together on building the flying vehicle. They also need to work out (4) \_\_\_\_\_ the taxis will need to follow, and what kind of training flying taxi pilots will need. The five-seat, all-electric taxi will be able to take off (5) \_\_\_\_\_. It will have a flight range of 241 kilometers and (6) \_\_\_\_\_ of 321kph.

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# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

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

1. What does the article say many people watched when they grew up?
2. What does the article say science fiction is becoming?
3. What is the name of the tech start-up helping to develop the taxis?
4. Where will the flying taxis be used for the first time?
5. How fast will the taxis be able to fly?
6. What did a CEO say people could reduce by using the taxis?
7. What percentage of people in Japan live in the countryside?
8. What does the article say is one of the world's top 20 congested cities?
9. How long has the airline been operating safe flights?
10. What did ANA's CEO say rapid and sustainable travel was?

# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

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

- 1) What does the article say many people watched when they grew up?
  - a) science fiction movies
  - b) the stars
  - c) taxis
  - d) airplanes taking off
- 2) What does the article say science fiction is becoming?
  - a) interesting
  - b) worrying
  - c) science fact
  - d) a science class
- 3) What is the name of the tech start-up helping to develop the taxis?
  - a) Bojy Aviation
  - b) Joby Aviation
  - c) Jooby Aviation
  - d) Boggle Aviation
- 4) Where will the flying taxis be used for the first time?
  - a) the 2026 World Taxi Forum
  - b) the 2024 Paris Olympics
  - c) at the opening of a taxi theme park
  - d) the World Expo 2025
- 5) How fast will the taxis be able to fly?
  - a) 321kph
  - b) 312kph
  - c) 231kph
  - d) 213kph
- 6) What did a CEO say people could reduce by using the taxis?
  - a) car repair costs
  - b) fares
  - c) injuries in traffic accidents
  - d) their carbon footprint
- 7) What percentage of people in Japan live in the countryside?
  - a) 92%
  - b) 8%
  - c) 82%
  - d) 68%
- 8) What does the article say is one of the world's top 20 congested cities?
  - a) Osaka
  - b) New York
  - c) London
  - d) Tokyo
- 9) How long has the airline been operating safe flights?
  - a) 60 years
  - b) 80 years
  - c) 70 years
  - d) 50 years
- 10) What did ANA's CEO say rapid and sustainable travel was?
  - a) unreachable
  - b) appealing
  - c) a miracle
  - d) about time

# ROLE PLAY

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

## **Role A – Flying Taxi**

You think flying taxis are the best form of transport. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their transport. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): buses, subways or bicycles.

## **Role B – Bus**

You think buses are the best form of transport. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their transport. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): flying taxis, subways or bicycles.

## **Role C – Subway**

You think subways are the best form of transport. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their transport. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): buses, flying taxis or bicycles.

## **Role D – Bicycle**

You think bicycles are the best form of transport. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their transport. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): buses, subways or flying taxis.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

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

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

<b>flying</b>	<b>taxi</b>
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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"><li>• form</li><li>• fact</li><li>• aim</li><li>• currently</li><li>• pilot</li><li>• top</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• good</li><li>• time</li><li>• 20</li><li>• safe</li><li>• provide</li><li>• location</li></ul>
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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.

# FLYING TAXIS 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 taxis?
4. What do you think of flying taxis?
5. What other new forms of transport do we need?
6. What problems might there be with flying taxis?
7. What are the advantages of flying taxis?
8. Would you like your town to have flying taxis?
9. How much do you think a flying taxi ride might cost?
10. What traffic rules would flying taxis need to follow?

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# FLYING TAXIS 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 'science fiction'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. Would you like to ride in a flying taxi?
15. Why would the taxis be good for the environment?
16. What kind of size is your carbon footprint?
17. How can we reduce congestion in big cities?
18. Would you like your own flying car?
19. How good would it be to fly downtown from an airport?
20. What questions would you like to ask the company CEOs?

# 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

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

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## Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- |     |               |               |               |               |
|-----|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1.  | (a) farm      | (b) frame     | (c) form      | (d) firm      |
| 2.  | (a) grew      | (b) grown     | (c) growth    | (d) grows     |
| 3.  | (a) up        | (b) on        | (c) down      | (d) off       |
| 4.  | (a) currently | (b) currant   | (c) currency  | (d) current   |
| 5.  | (a) that      | (b) kind      | (c) which     | (d) then      |
| 6.  | (a) flew      | (b) flown     | (c) fly       | (d) flight    |
| 7.  | (a) well      | (b) goodly    | (c) good      | (d) goods     |
| 8.  | (a) what      | (b) that      | (c) for       | (d) while     |
| 9.  | (a) urban     | (b) wooded    | (c) jilted    | (d) frame     |
| 10. | (a) of        | (b) as        | (c) for       | (d) by        |
| 11. | (a) on        | (b) to        | (c) at        | (d) as        |
| 12. | (a) appearing | (b) appalling | (c) appealing | (d) approving |



# SPELLING

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## Paragraph 1

1. A new form of arnprttso
2. Science tfoini
3. start areoptnig air taxis
4. the flying hvelice
5. take off and land etlaicvryl
6. a flight ngera of 241 kilometers

## Paragraph 2

7. good for the oveeintnmr
8. gducneir their carbon footprint
9. a sletucpaacr opportunity
10. living in arnub areas
11. delivering safe and ebiallre flights
12. travel rapidly and tulsnisyaba

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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

**Number these lines in the correct order.**

- ( ) about the project. He said: "ANA has 70 years of experience delivering safe and reliable flights to
- ( ) up watching sci-fi movies with airborne taxis. Science fiction is now becoming science fact. The Japanese airline ANA has teamed
- ( ) Joby's CEO said the taxis would be good for the environment. He told reporters: "Joby exists to help
- ( ) customers across the world....Being able to provide them with the option to travel rapidly,
- ( ) of the top 20 most congested cities in the world." The president of ANA, Koji Shibata, was also excited
- ( ) up with a U.S. tech start-up called Joby Aviation. The two companies aim to start operating air taxis
- ( ) of training flying taxi pilots will need. The five-seat, all-electric taxi will be able to take off and land
- ( ) vertically. It will have a flight range of 241 kilometers and a top speed of 321kph.
- ( ) people save time while reducing their carbon footprint. Japan offers us a spectacular
- ( ) vehicle. They also need to work out what traffic rules the taxis will need to follow, and what kind
- ( **1** ) A new form of transport will be with us in the next few years - flying taxis. Many of us grew
- ( ) at the 2025 World Expo in Osaka. They are currently working together on building the flying
- ( ) opportunity to do just that with 92 per cent of the population living in urban areas, and Tokyo being one
- ( ) and sustainably, from an international airport to a downtown location is very appealing."

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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

1. with A new transport be us . will
2. taxis . start to operating aim companies Two air
3. flying building the together on vehicle . Working
4. rules the to need will taxis follow . Traffic
5. of range kilometers . 241 It have a will
6. carbon footprint . save People reducing while time their
7. to spectacular that . do just opportunity A
8. of the most top cities . 20 One congested
9. world . safe the Delivering flights across to customers
10. provide the able them option . to with Being

# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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

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Joby's CEO said the taxis would be *well / good* for the environment. He told reporters: "Joby exists to help people save *time / times* while reducing their carbon *footprint / imprint*. Japan offers us a spectacular opportunity to do just *those / that* with 92 per cent of the population living in *urban / after* areas, and Tokyo being one of the top 20 most *digested / congested* cities in the world." The president of ANA, Koji Shibata, was also *excited / excite* about the project. He said: "ANA has 70 years of experience delivering safe and *rely / reliable* flights to customers across the world....Being able to provide them with the option *for / to* travel rapidly, and sustainably, from an international airport to a *downtown / uptown* location is very appealing."

**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)

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# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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# 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. FLYING TAXIS:** Make a poster about flying taxis. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. ELECTRIC:** Write a magazine article about making all transport electric. 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 flying taxis. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your ideas on them. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## VOCABULARY (p.4)

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

## TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- 1 F    2 F    3 F    4 T    5 T    6 T    7 F    8 T

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. Science fiction movies
2. Science fact
3. Joby Aviation
4. The World Expo 2025
5. 321kph
6. Their carbon footprint
7. 18%
8. Tokyo
9. For 70 years
10. Appealing

## WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

1. A new transport will be with us.
2. Two companies aim to start operating air taxis.
3. Working together on building the flying vehicle.
4. Traffic rules the taxis will need to follow.
5. It will have a range of 241 kilometers.
6. People save time while reducing their carbon footprint.
7. A spectacular opportunity to do just that.
8. One of the top 20 most congested cities.
9. Delivering safe flights to customers across the world.
10. Being able to provide them with the option.

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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