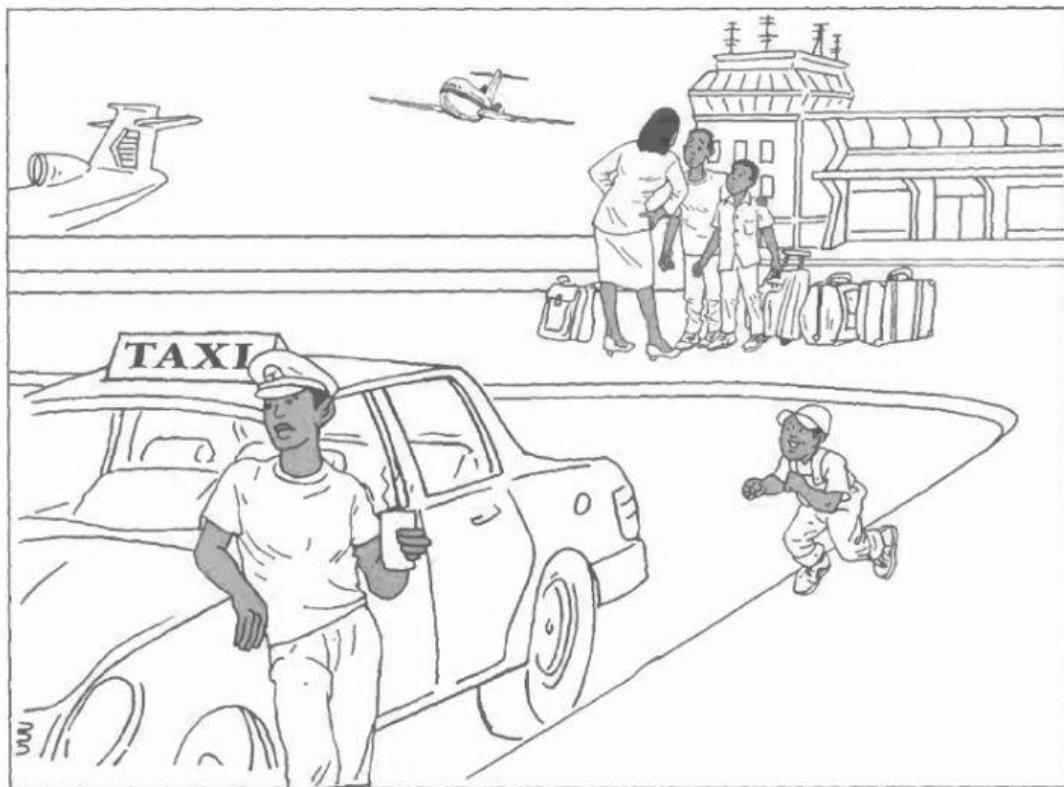


# UNIT 13

## The Taxi Ride

### 1. PRE-READING



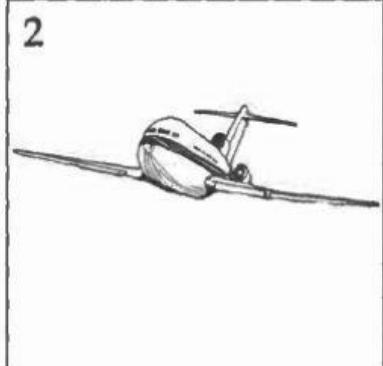
- Look at the picture. What do you see?
- Say the words.
- Watch your teacher write the words.
- Copy the words onto the picture.

## 2. READING

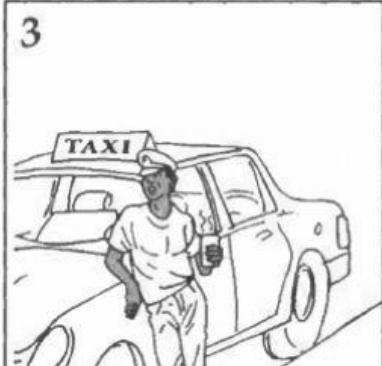
- Listen to your teacher read the story. Look at the pictures.
- Listen to your teacher read the story again. Look at the words.



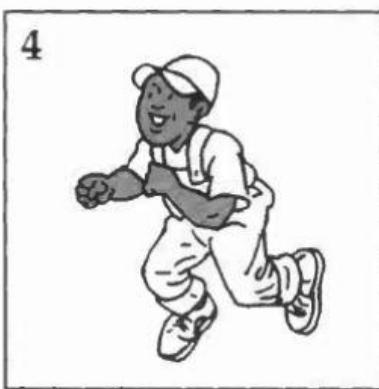
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They are at an airport in New York. They are going on a trip.



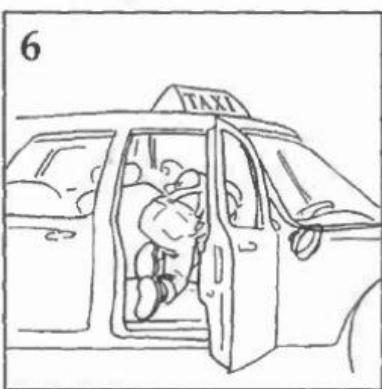
Clifton sees a big yellow taxi. The taxi driver is standing next to the taxi.



Clifton likes to ride in taxis. He runs to the taxi.



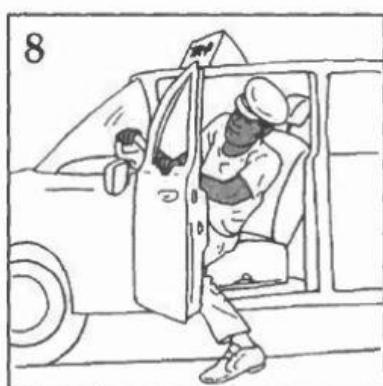
Clifton's mother is talking to Clifton's brothers. She doesn't see Clifton.



Clifton gets in the taxi. He sits in the front seat.



Then a woman gets in the taxi. She sits in the back seat.



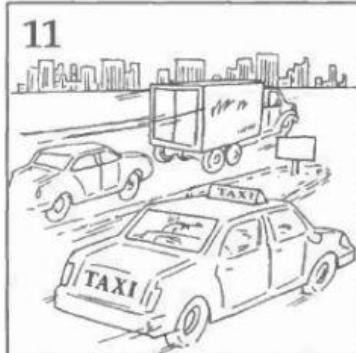
Then the taxi driver gets in the taxi.



The taxi driver thinks, "The little boy is with the woman. He is her son."



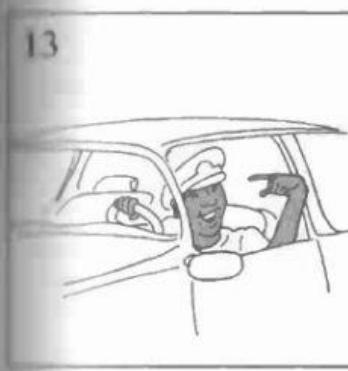
10  
The woman thinks, "The little boy is with the taxi driver. He is his son."



11  
The taxi driver drives for 30 minutes.



12  
Then he stops. The woman pays the taxi driver and gets out of the taxi.



13  
"Wait!" the taxi driver says. "Don't forget your son."



14  
"My son?" the woman says. "He's not my son." "Oh, no!" the taxi driver says.



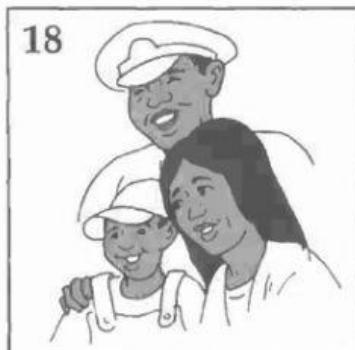
15  
The taxi driver drives back to the airport with Clifton.



16  
The taxi driver sees Clifton's mother. She is crying and talking to the police.



17  
"Is he your son?" the taxi driver asks.  
"Yes! He's my son," she says.



18  
Clifton's mother is happy. The taxi driver is happy. Clifton is happy, too. He likes to ride in taxis.

- Read the story again.

# The Taxi Ride

Clifton is three years old. He is with his mother and two brothers. They are at an airport in New York. They are going on a trip.

Clifton sees a big yellow taxi. The taxi driver is standing next to the taxi. Clifton likes to ride in taxis. He runs to the taxi. Clifton's mother is talking to Clifton's brothers. She doesn't see Clifton.

Clifton gets in the taxi. He sits in the front seat. Then a woman gets in the taxi. She sits in the back seat. Then the taxi driver gets in the taxi.

The taxi driver thinks, "The little boy is with the woman. He is her son." The woman thinks, "The little boy is with the taxi driver. He is his son."

The taxi driver drives for 30 minutes. Then he stops. The woman pays the taxi driver and gets out of the taxi.

"Wait!" the taxi driver says. "Don't forget your son."

"My son?" the woman says. "He's not my son."

"Oh, no!" the taxi driver says.

The taxi driver drives back to the airport with Clifton. The taxi driver sees Clifton's mother. She is crying and talking to the police.

"Is he your son?" the taxi driver asks.

"Yes! He's my son," she says.

Clifton's mother is happy. The taxi driver is happy. Clifton is happy, too. He likes to ride in taxis.



## 3. PRONUNCIATION

What are the letters? What sounds can they make? Listen to your teacher. Say the words.

s
see
seat
soft
goat
stand
stop

s
years
brothers
taxis
runs
drives
pays

th
three
think
thirty
with

th
the
they
then
mother
brother

p / pp
pay
police
happy
airport
trip
stop

k / ck
think
drink
like
talk
ask
back

## 4. VOCABULARY

Which words go together? Write the letter of your answer on the line.

1. not my sister	_____	a. ride
2. not small	_____	b. front
3. not drive	_____	c. my brother
4. not get in	_____	d. cry
5. not back	_____	e. big
6. not smile	_____	f. get out

## 5. COMPREHENSION

Complete the sentences. Circle a or b.

1. Clifton is  
a. 10 years old.  
 b. three years old.
2. He is with his  
a. father and two sisters.  
b. mother and two brothers.
3. They are at  
a. a restaurant.  
b. an airport.

4. Clifton gets in a big
  - a. yellow taxi.
  - b. black car.
5. The taxi driver drives for
  - a. 30 minutes.
  - b. 10 minutes.
6. The taxi driver says to the woman, "Don't forget your
  - a. change."
  - b. son."
7. The taxi driver drives back to the airport with
  - a. Clifton.
  - b. the woman.

## **6. WRITING**

Clifton likes to ride in taxis. What do you like to do?

Write three sentences on the lines. For example:

*I like to watch movies.*

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

## **7. SPEAKING**

- A. Read one of your sentences to the class. Listen as your classmates say their sentences. Try to remember their sentences.
- B. Your teacher will point to a classmate. When the teacher points to that classmate, say what he or she likes to do. For example:

*"He likes to play the piano."*

*"She likes to swim."*