

## TAXIS WITHOUT DRIVERS

**I** There is something new on the busy streets of Tokyo — taxis without drivers. A passenger just sits in the taxi and the taxi drives itself. At first, some people were afraid that these taxis were very dangerous.



A driverless taxi

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5 However, until now these taxis did not have any accidents.

**II** Today, driverless taxis\* take passengers only between two neighborhoods in Tokyo. Passengers pay for the ride on their cell phones. One of the first passengers to use this kind of taxi said, "The ride was so pleasant that I almost forgot there was no driver." However, there is someone from the company in the car to help if something goes wrong. But, so far, there were no problems.

**III** Saido Tanaka, the owner of the taxi company, says, "We are proud to be the first company to have taxis without drivers." Many people in Tokyo are excited about these taxis. In fact, there is already a list of 1,500 people who want to be passengers on future trips between the two neighborhoods.

**IV** There are a few reasons why Japan is a good place to use taxis without drivers. First, there are not enough taxi drivers in Japan these days. Also, there are more and more old people who do not drive anymore. And the older people who still drive have many accidents.

**V** The Japanese will soon need more driverless taxis for the 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo. These taxis will take athletes and tourists between the sports events and the city center. These taxis will also drive between the airport and the center of Tokyo.

20 **VI** Mr. Tanaka believes that there will be no problems with the driverless taxis. He hopes they will soon be the only taxis on the road, both in Japan and in the rest of the world.

מוניות ללא נהג — driverless taxis  
سيارات أجرة بدون سائق



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ענו על השאלות – Answer the questions



1. What do we learn in paragraph I?

- i) People don't like to drive in Tokyo.
- ii) Taxis without drivers are new in Tokyo.
- iii) There are many taxi drivers in Tokyo.

(8 points)

2. Why does the writer tell us that "these taxis did not have any accidents"? To show us that (-).  
(paragraph I)

- i) they are not dangerous
- ii) many people use them
- iii) the taxis drive themselves

(8 points)

3. Why do the passengers need a cell phone? (paragraph II)

ANSWER: .....

(9 points)

4. Who can help if there is a problem with the taxi? (paragraph II)

ANSWER: .....

(9 points)

5. Why is Tanaka proud of his company? (paragraph III)

ANSWER: .....

(9 points)

6. How do we know that the new taxis are popular? (paragraph III)

- i) People want to make trips to other neighborhoods.
- ii) There are many people waiting to ride in these taxis.
- iii) The company says it will buy more taxis.

(9 points)

7. Japan is "a good place to use taxis without drivers" because (-). (paragraph IV)

- i) Japan has more accidents than other countries
- ii) Japan doesn't have enough taxi drivers
- iii) some people in Japan don't know how to drive

(9 points)

8. The writer mentions the 2020 Olympic Games in Tokyo because (-). (paragraph V)

- i) many Japanese athletes will participate in the Games
- ii) the Japanese like to watch sports events
- iii) driverless taxis will take tourists to the Games

(9 points)





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**נושא הכתיבה:** Everyone wants to do something to help the environment. What can you and your school do? Write your opinion. Write between 70-90 words.

**מבנה מפורט לדוגמה - הצעת הטענה שנמצאת במשימה**

**פתיחה:** Some people/ schools / students/ pupils/ teenagers... think that \_\_\_\_\_

**הצעת דעתי האישית**

I think it is a **good/bad** idea. **א** In my opinion, \_\_\_\_\_.

**אמצע:**

First reason, ...

For example, ...

Second reason, ...

For example, ...

**סיכום:**

To sum up, – לבסוף/לסיכום  
I recommend..... – אני ממליץ –

Verbs - פעלים	Adjectives - תארים	Nouns - שמות עצם
Help- לעזור Save- לשמור Fight- להילחם Reduce- להפחית Volunteer- להתנדב Recycle - למחזר Use - להשתמש Reuse – להשתמש שוב Take action - לפעול	Less- פחות More- יותר Small- קטן Natural- טבעי Safe- בטוח Poor- עני Rich - עשיר International- בינלאומי Responsible- אחראי	Environment- סביבה world- עולם Waste- בזבז Plastic- פלסטיק Bags- שקיות Electricity- חשמל Money- כסף Water- מים Cars - מכוניות Gas- גז Responsibility- אחריות project - פרויקט

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