

LISTENING TAPESCRIPT (Please read twice)

Like many Londoners, Abdul Mustafa's working day begins by getting into his car and turning the key, but unlike others who park up at factories and offices, his car is where Abdul stays all day. He is one of many London's cabbies who drive this old fashioned, diesel-powered piece of London heritage around the capital each day.

He helps shoppers escape the rain, stops people from missing trains and chauffeurs the odd celebrity or politician to a TV or radio studio in time for an all-important interview. This has been his occupation for 18 years and he says he loves it.

Abdul's cab, affectionately named Betsy, is not the last word in modernity, but it is tough, reliable, and can carry five passengers in the back. The car was designed years ago with a high roof, allowing gentlemen wearing top hats to sit in comfort. He says, 'The London cab is unique and each one is custom-made and hand-built. They have a very small turning circle because of tractor-type technology, which makes them easy to turn around.'

Abdul talks of his taxi in terms of its engineering and technical specifications, but don't be fooled. As he goes on talking, his true feelings quickly surface. 'I would feel awful if it ever got stolen,' he says. 'I do about 60 hours a week in it and you get to know every noise and vibration it makes. I have had Betsy for years and a London cabbie gets quite attached to his vehicle.'

He says his fellow cabbies are 'great guys', though some of them he only knows by sight or by their driver numbers. The cabbies congregate at Granby Grill for a filling fry-up in the morning and for half an hour or so, they forget the stress of bad drivers, red lights and honking horns. Though drivers talk about football, politics and the price of diesel, their special subject is London's geography. That's because becoming a cabbie means passing a very difficult exam called The Knowledge. To get 'the knowledge' involves about three years of study learning the names of thousands of London streets as well as landmarks, monuments and public buildings. They also have to know the quickest route between one place and another. Once you pass it and do a driving test, you become a qualified cabbie. 'A lot of people go around London on mopeds for years learning the streets for the exam,' says Abdul.

Not even new GPS electronic systems can outwit a cabbie's knowledge. Experimental races have shown cabbies consistently win by taking the least-congested routes rather than the more direct ones suggested by satellites systems.

An affable manner is another most important attribute after The Knowledge and decent driving skills. 'If a cabbie doesn't like people, he will never make a good cabbie. For some people, it is just a job and they don't want to talk,' states Abdul. 'I enjoy having elderly people in the cab. They talk about the Blitz and how London used to be,' he continues. 'People in the public eye are always on TV and they feel more self-conscious.' Then he adds with a grin, 'We really get to know who's who and what is really going on around the city. We are the eyes and ears of London.'

PICTURE STORY

Look at the pictures carefully. Make up a story based on the following pictures.



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ROLEPLAY

STUDENT

Your parents have decided to move and live away from the madding crowd on a little eco-farm in the countryside. They suggest living a healthy and environmentally friendly way of life.

You will keep domestic animals and have a garden. Additionally, you will not go to school, and will instead be taught by your parents at home.

You are not happy with this, as you love the busy urban lifestyle, you have many friends at school, and you prefer to use modern technology rather than live in the middle of nowhere without a telephone signal or a car.

Try to persuade your parents to stay in the city and to keep the same lifestyle as before. Talk about the advantages of living in the city.

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ROLEPLAY

TEACHER

You and your husband/wife have decided to change your lifestyle completely. You want to move to the countryside, to have an eco- farm with domestic animals and a garden, and to lead a healthy and environmentally friendly lifestyle, without modern technology.

You are going to teach your kids at home and you are convinced that the urban lifestyle is dangerous and unsuitable for your children.

Your son/daughter strongly disagrees with this idea, he/she is a very sociable and modern person.

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A N S W E R K E Y

GRAMMAR – 15 points

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| 1. wash | 9. shall we | 13. is being built by the local council. |
| 2. dropped | 10. did they | 14. having our house painted |
| 3. called | 11. I knew the answer, I'd / would help you | 15. when the play starts |
| 4. set | 12. we'd / had left earlier, we wouldn't have missed the train. | |
| 5. turned | | |
| 6. aren't I | | |
| 7. isn't there | | |
| 8. will you | | |

VOCABULARY – 10 points

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| 1. D | 6. B |
| 2. C | 7. D |
| 3. A | 8. B |
| 4. B | 9. A |
| 5. C | 10. A |

5 pts (0.5pt each)

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| 11. outnumbered | 16. unnoticed |
| 12. growth | 17. practical |
| 13. population | 18. faithful |
| 14. popularity | 19. wealthy |
| 15. reduction | 20. death |

5 pts (0.5pt each)

READING COMPREHENSION – 10 points

1. T 2. T 3. F 4. F 5. F 6. F 7. F 8. F 9. F 10. T

LISTENING COMPREHENSION – 5 points (0.5 pt each)

1. T 2. F 3. T 4. F 5. F 6. T 7. F 8. F 9. F 10. T

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