



# Hailing a Cab



## WARM UP

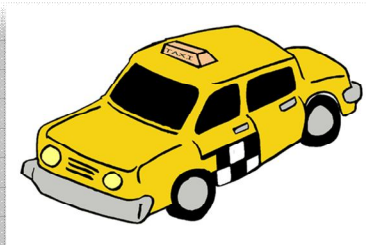
1. What are taxis/cabs used for? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Have you ever taken a taxi somewhere? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Do you have to pay for riding a taxi? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Where can you catch a taxi/cab? \_\_\_\_\_
5. How do you get home from the airport? \_\_\_\_\_

## VOCABULARY CHECK - Matching

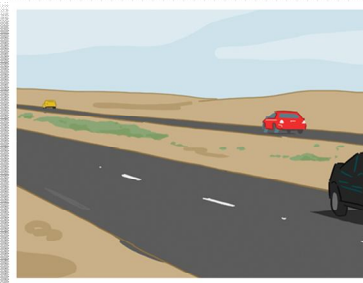
Match the images on the right with the definitions on the left.

- A. load \_\_\_\_\_
- B. taxi, cab \_\_\_\_\_
- C. freeway \_\_\_\_\_
- D. hop in \_\_\_\_\_
- E. meter \_\_\_\_\_

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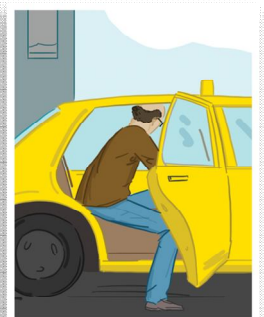
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**DIALOGUE - Hailing a Cab**

**Mikhail:** Taxi! Taxi!

*Taxi Driver:* You need a cab?

**Mikhail:** Yes.

*Taxi Driver:* Do you just have the one suitcase?

**Mikhail:** No, I have two.

*Taxi Driver:* There is an additional charge for the extra luggage. I'll load this. Hop in.

[Taxi Driver loads the trunk. Mikhail gets in the back seat.]

*Taxi Driver:* Where to?

**Mikhail:** Los Angeles International Airport, please.

*Taxi Driver:* I don't have a flat rate to the airport. I use the meter, OK?

**Mikhail:** Okay. What is the rate?

*Taxi Driver:* There is a \$2.20 initial charge and then 20 cents for every one-tenth of a mile after that.

**Mikhail:** Do you have an approximation on cost to the airport?

*Taxi Driver:* Well, at this time of day, there isn't much traffic so I can take the shortest distance. It'll probably be \$34 or \$35 dollars.

**Mikhail.** I have a flight in three hours. How long will it take to get there?

*Taxi Driver:* Taking the freeway and banking on light traffic. I'd say about an hour.

**Mikhail:** That'll get me there in plenty of time.

[After arrival.]

*Taxi Driver:* What airline?

**Mikhail:** Worldwide Airways.

*Taxi Driver:* That's Terminal B which is right here.

**Mikhail:** How much do I owe you?

*Taxi Driver:* \$33.00.

**Mikhail:** I have \$35 here. Keep the change.

*Taxi Driver:* Thanks. Have a great day.



## VOCABULARY CHECK - Take-Away

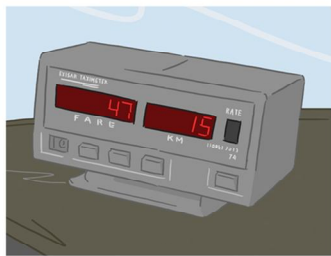
Read the phrases beside each set of pictures. Draw an X through the picture that does not match the phrase.

1. Additional charge

a.



b.



a.

Airport Fare = \$24.00

b.

2. Flat rate

3. Initial charge

a.

\$2.20

b.

\$0.20 per 1/10 mile



a.



b.

4. Light traffic

5. Keep the change!

a.



b.

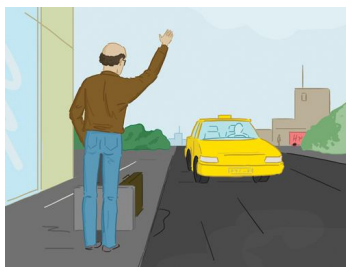




## CONVERSATION STARTER

Look at the pictures below. Work with a partner to practice the three parts of the dialogue.

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two suitcases



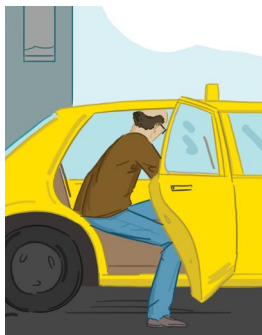

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getting a ride




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talking with driver




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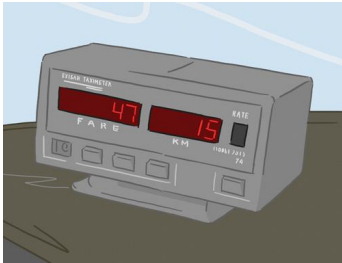
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## CONVERSATION STARTER - Continued

airport fair




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traffic route




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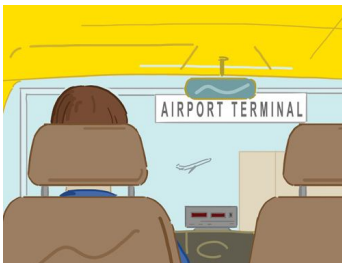
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arriving at the airport




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paying for the ride




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**DIALOGUE BUILDING**

**Look at the statements below. Fill in the missing vocabulary words. Decide when each statement would be said. Write “Before” if the statement is said before the passenger enters the taxi, “During” if the statement would be heard during the passenger’s time in the taxi, or “After” if the statement is said after the taxi ride is over.**

1. \_\_\_\_\_: No, I have \_\_\_\_\_.
2. \_\_\_\_\_: Where to?
3. \_\_\_\_\_: Taking the \_\_\_\_\_ and banking on light \_\_\_\_\_. I’d say about an hour.
4. \_\_\_\_\_: Taxi! \_\_\_\_\_!
5. \_\_\_\_\_: Los Angeles International Airport, please.
6. \_\_\_\_\_: Okay. What is the \_\_\_\_\_?
7. \_\_\_\_\_: You need a \_\_\_\_\_?
8. \_\_\_\_\_. I have a flight in three hours. How \_\_\_\_\_ will it take to get there?
9. \_\_\_\_\_: I don’t have a \_\_\_\_\_ rate to the airport. I use the meter, OK?
10. \_\_\_\_\_: That’ll get me there in plenty of time.
11. \_\_\_\_\_: What \_\_\_\_\_?
12. \_\_\_\_\_: Yes.
13. \_\_\_\_\_: Worldwide Airways.
14. \_\_\_\_\_: Do you just have the one \_\_\_\_\_?
15. \_\_\_\_\_: That’s \_\_\_\_\_ B which is right here.
16. \_\_\_\_\_: How much do I \_\_\_\_\_ you?
17. \_\_\_\_\_: There is an \_\_\_\_\_ charge for the extra luggage. I’ll \_\_\_\_\_ this. \_\_\_\_\_.
18. \_\_\_\_\_: \$33.00.
19. \_\_\_\_\_: Thanks. Have a great day.
20. \_\_\_\_\_: There is a \$2.20 \_\_\_\_\_ charge and then 20 cents for every one-tenth of a mile after that.
21. \_\_\_\_\_: Do you have an approximation on \_\_\_\_\_ to the airport?
22. \_\_\_\_\_: I have \$35 here. Keep the \_\_\_\_\_.
23. \_\_\_\_\_: Well, at this time of day, there isn’t much \_\_\_\_\_ so I can take the shortest distance. It’ll probably be \$34 or \$35 dollars.

**DIALOGUE PRACTICE**

**Work with a partner. Organize the dialogues from the previous page into three mini-dialogues: Before, During, and After. Place the statements in order. Practice reading and focus on intonation, pronunciation, and elision. Reverse roles.**

**DIALOGUE COMPREHENSION**

**Answer the following questions:**

1. Name two ways to pay for a taxi. Which would you prefer? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Name something that has an additional charge. Do you know something else that might have an additional charge? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Do you tip taxi drivers? How much? Do you think that is too much, too little, or just right? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. Where does the passenger usually sit? \_\_\_\_\_

**About this dialogue:**


1. Where does Mikhail need to go? \_\_\_\_\_
2. How long will it take? Why? \_\_\_\_\_
3. How does the driver charge? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Why does Mikhail incur an additional charge? \_\_\_\_\_
5. How much does he tip the driver? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Who loads the suitcases? \_\_\_\_\_
7. What route does the driver take? \_\_\_\_\_
8. Does he receive a tip? \_\_\_\_\_





## WRITING TASK


Based on the pictures below, write a similar dialogue to describe what is happening in the images.

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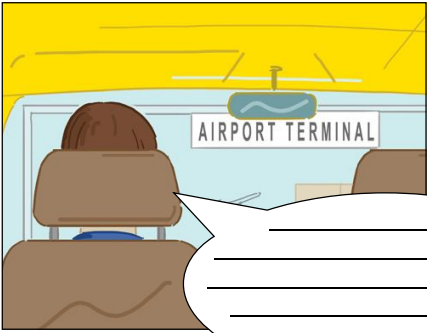
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