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Taxi, Uber and Other Car Services

The aim of this lesson is to make the students use the key vocabulary and target expressions in a more natural manner.

Language Point

<p>The bus takes forever.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The bus is too slow. - The bus is slow as molasses. - The bus is painfully slow. 	 
<p>They're out of my price range</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - I can't afford it - They are out of my reach - My budget doesn't allow it 	
<p>That's so frustrating.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - That frustrates me so much. - That's so annoying. - That's so irritating. 	
<p>Welcome to the new world!</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sometimes I like the old world better. 	

Key vocabulary

run around	hassle	hail	cab
rarely	frustrating	extra fee	costly

Part 1

I. INTRODUCTION

A **taxi** is the best option for travelers who want to roam around but are not familiar with the transportation system of a certain place. Regular taxis are convenient and easy to access. However, these days, **Uber** and **Grab** are **dominating** the **ride-hailing services**. To use a service, you just need to **download** and **register** on their **app**. **Transactions** are often **cashless**, and receipts are sent via email.



II. PRESENTATION

A. Expressions

	Questions:
They're out of my price range.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">What do you think of the taxi rates in Japan?
That's so frustrating.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Have you ever had a bad experience while riding a taxi?
Sometimes I like the old world better.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Which is more appealing to you, riding a carriage or riding a taxi?

B. Dialogue

Practice the dialogue with your teacher.

Michi: I have a lot of meetings scheduled in New York City next week and will be running around a lot. How should I get around the city with less hassle?

Albert: The subway is your best and cheapest option, as it covers the whole city. You can also hail a cab, yellow taxi, or get an Uber. The bus takes forever.

Michi: Similar to Tokyo. Are cabs expensive like they are in Japan?

Albert: Yes, but not as costly as taxis in Tokyo. I would say they're about 50% cheaper.

Michi: We have Uber in Tokyo, but they're out of my price range.

Albert: Yes, they're a bit more expensive than taxis and when you need them most, such as in the morning or in bad weather, they raise the prices and can be VERY high.

Michi: That's so frustrating but I think it's the same everywhere. Hong Kong taxis are super cheap but hard to find in the rain or during rush hour.

Albert: Singapore as well. The cabs rarely stop on the street anymore because they get extra fees from services like Grab Taxi.

Michi: I've never heard of Grab Taxi. Does it work like Uber?

Albert: Pretty much. It's for regular taxis though and you can pay in cash.

Michi: There are so many different services now. Welcome to the new world.

Albert: Sometimes I like the old world better.

Q & A!



Is it safe to use
UBER and GRAB taxis in your
country?

Do people in your
country tip the driver when they pay?

Do you think taxi

Part 2

III. PRACTICE

Use the newly learned vocabulary and expressions in the following practice exercises.

A. Assumptions about Taxis in Japan

Directions: Do you agree or disagree with the statements below?
Explain your answers.

Taxis are the cheapest transportation in Japan.

It is necessary to give a tip after a long ride.

Uber is more expensive than a regular taxi.

Flagging down a taxi anywhere should be allowed.




B. Let's Talk!

Directions: Ponder these two statements:

"Sometimes I like the old world better."

"Welcome to the new world."

Then, think of the things you miss from the past and the things you are most grateful for in the present.

<p><i>"Sometimes I like the old world better."</i></p> <p>The things I miss...</p>		<p><i>"Welcome to the new world."</i></p> <p>The things I am grateful for...</p>
	<p>Transportation</p>	
	<p>Technology</p>	
	<p>My Hometown</p>	

C. Role-Play

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You will be late for your appointment if you do not hurry.
Flag down a taxi and tell the driver your destination.

Use the vocabulary and expressions you have learned.