



China's XPeng Inc successfully tested its two-seater flying taxi in Dubai, paving the way for the future of transportation.



## Listen and fill in the gaps.

A (1) \_\_\_\_\_ transport will be with us in the next few years - flying taxis. Many of us grew up watching sci-fi movies with airborne taxis. Science fiction is now (2) \_\_\_\_\_. The Japanese airline ANA has teamed up with a U.S. tech start-up called Joby Aviation. The two companies (3) \_\_\_\_\_ operating air taxis at the 2025 World Expo in Osaka. They are currently working together on building the flying vehicle. They also need to work out (4) \_\_\_\_\_ the taxis will need to follow, and what kind of training flying taxi pilots will need. The five-seat, all-electric taxi will be able to take off (5) \_\_\_\_\_. It will have a flight range of 241 kilometers and (6) \_\_\_\_\_ of 321kph. Joby's CEO said the taxis would be good for the environment. He told reporters: "Joby exists to help people save (7) \_\_\_\_\_ their carbon footprint. Japan offers us a spectacular opportunity to do just that with 92 per cent of the population living (8) \_\_\_\_\_, and Tokyo being one of the top 20 most (9) \_\_\_\_\_ the world." The president of ANA, Koji Shibata, was also excited about the project. He said: "ANA has 70 years of experience (10) \_\_\_\_\_ reliable flights to customers across the world....Being able (11) \_\_\_\_\_ with the option to travel rapidly, and sustainably, from an international airport to a downtown location (12) \_\_\_\_\_.

**TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline.  
Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).**

1. We will be using the same flying taxis from sci-fi movies. T / F
2. An American airline teamed up with a Japanese tech start-up. T / F
3. The taxis will first be used in Tokyo in 2025. T / F
4. The taxi will be able to fly at over 300kph. T / F
5. The new flying taxis will be environmentally friendly. T / F
6. Over ninety per cent of people in Japan live in towns and cities. T / F
7. Tokyo is the most congested city in the world. T / F
8. The CEO of ANA said sustainable travel was appealing. T / F .

**SYNONYM MATCH:** (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

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|-----------------------|-----------------|
| 1. <b>form</b>        | a. chance       |
| 2. <b>teamed up</b>   | b. span         |
| 3. <b>operating</b>   | c. attractive   |
| 4. <b>training</b>    | d. running      |
| 5. <b>range</b>       | e. lowering     |
| 6. <b>reducing</b>    | f. kind         |
| 7. <b>opportunity</b> | g. built-up     |
| 8. <b>urban</b>       | h. dependable   |
| 9. <b>reliable</b>    | i. collaborated |
| 10. <b>appealing</b>  | j. instruction  |

**PHRASE MATCH:** (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

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|---|------------------------------|
| 1. A new form of transport will be with us in | a. congested cities          |
| 2. Many of us grew up                         | b. range of 241 kilometers   |
| 3. ANA has teamed up                          | c. will need to follow       |
| 4. what traffic rules the taxis               | d. location                  |
| 5. It will have a flight                      | e. with a U.S. tech start-up |
| 6. taxis would be good                        | f. footprint                 |
| 7. while reducing their carbon                | g. the next few years        |
| 8. one of the top 20 most                     | h. flights                   |
| 9. safe and reliable                          | i. for the environment       |
| 10. a downtown                                | j. watching sci-fi movies    |

# Answer the questions

1. What does the article say many people watched when they grew up?
2. What does the article say science fiction is becoming?
3. What is the name of the tech start-up helping to develop the taxis?
4. Where will the flying taxis be used for the first time?
5. How fast will the taxis be able to fly?
6. What did a CEO say people could reduce by using the taxis?
7. What percentage of people in Japan live in the countryside?
8. What does the article say is one of the world's top 20 congested cities?
9. How long has the airline been operating safe flights?
10. What did ANA's CEO say rapid and sustainable travel was?





## [Electric flying taxi debuts in Dubai](#)

- 1) How many passengers can the cockpit accommodate?
- 2) How will these taxis work? What predictions/expectations can you list?
- 3) What are the issues of this type of taxis?
- 4) What have impressed you the most?



**Watch the video and list  
characteristics of  
Autonomous Air Taxi (AAT)**

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[Autonomous Air Taxi \(AAT\)](#)



**Write five GOOD questions about flying taxis in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.**

	STUDENT 1	STUDENT 2	STUDENT 3
Q 1.			
Q 2.			
Q 3.			
Q 4.			
Q 5.			