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**Level 1 – 1st August 2024**

## **Japan cracks down on electric rideable suitcases**

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<https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2408/240801-rideable-suitcases-1.html>

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**Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.**

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2408/240801-rideable-suitcases-1.html>

New suitcases are causing problems in Japan. They are rideable. Travellers can sit on them. They have a top speed of 13 kph. People are riding them around airports and train stations. However, Japan's laws class the luggage as a motorized vehicle. This means the rider needs a helmet, a driver's license, and insurance. The suitcases must have a rear-view mirror and indicator lights. Japanese airports have asked tourists to pull the suitcases and not ride them.

Electric luggage has been around since 2016. Rideable suitcases are now popular with celebrities. K-pop stars Blackpink have posted online videos of themselves riding their luggage. Companies have rules for the suitcases. British Airways will allow them on airplanes if the batteries can be removed. A transport expert said: "Unexpected new forms of transport will continue to emerge." He added that we will need more new laws.

Sources: <https://english.kyodonews.net/news/2024/07/17bb6dc8b49c-japan-puts-the-brakes-on-electric-suitcases-amid-tourism-boom.html>  
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# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2408/240801-rideable-suitcases-1.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                 |                         |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. New suitcases are causing    | a. helmet               |
| 2. Travellers can               | b. speed of 13 kph      |
| 3. They have a top              | c. motorized vehicle    |
| 4. People are riding them       | d. view mirror          |
| 5. laws class the luggage as a  | e. sit on them          |
| 6. the rider needs a            | f. around airports      |
| 7. have a rear-                 | g. to pull the suitcase |
| 8. airports have asked tourists | h. problems in Japan    |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                       |                      |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Electric luggage has been          | a. with celebrities  |
| 2. Rideable suitcases are now popular | b. removed           |
| 3. videos of themselves riding        | c. of transport      |
| 4. British Airways will allow         | d. their luggage     |
| 5. the batteries can be               | e. around since 2016 |
| 6. Unexpected new forms               | f. new laws          |
| 7. continue                           | g. them on airplanes |
| 8. we will need more                  | h. to emerge         |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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New suitcases are (1) \_\_\_\_\_ Japan. They are rideable. Travellers can (2) \_\_\_\_\_. They have a top speed of 13 kph. People are riding them around airports and train stations. However, Japan's (3) \_\_\_\_\_ luggage as a motorized vehicle. This means the rider needs a helmet, (4) \_\_\_\_\_, and insurance. The suitcases must have a rear-view mirror (5) \_\_\_\_\_. Japanese airports have asked (6) \_\_\_\_\_ the suitcases and not ride them.

Electric luggage (7) \_\_\_\_\_ since 2016. Rideable suitcases are now (8) \_\_\_\_\_. K-pop stars Blackpink have posted online videos of (9) \_\_\_\_\_ luggage. Companies have rules for the suitcases. British Airways (10) \_\_\_\_\_ on airplanes if the batteries can be removed. (11) \_\_\_\_\_ said: "Unexpected new forms of transport will continue to emerge." He added that we will need (12) \_\_\_\_\_.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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rscansitonthem.Theyhaveatopspeedof13 kph.Peopleareridingthem  
aroundairportsandtrainstations.However,Japan'slawsclassthe lugga  
geasamotorizedvehicle.Thismeanstheriderneedsahelmet,adriversli  
cense,andinsurance.Thesuitcasesmusthavearear-viewmirrorandin  
dicatorlights.Japaneseairportshaveaskedtouriststopullthesuitcases  
andnotridethem.Electricleuggagehasbeenaroundsince2016.Rideabl  
esuitcasesarenowpopularwithcelebrities.K-popstarsBlackpinkha  
vepostedonlinevideosoftemselvesridingtheirluggage.Companiesh  
averulesforthesuitcases.BritishAirwayswillallowthemonairplanesift  
hebatteriescanberemoved.Atransportexpertsaid:"Unexpectednewf  
ormsoftransportwillcontinuetoemerge."Headdedthatwewillneedmo  
renewlaws.

# SUITCASES SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2408/240801-rideable-suitcases-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about suitcases 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.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

# WRITING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2408/240801-rideable-suitcases-1.html>

Write about **suitcases** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner’s paper.

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