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Japan cracks down on electric rideable suitcases

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THE ARTICLE

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

The latest advance in suitcase technology is causing problems in Japan. Many suitcases are now rideable. Travellers can sit on them, and travel at a speed of up to 13 kph. The motorized luggage is becoming increasingly popular. However, it is becoming a nuisance in some parts of Japan. More and more people there are riding their suitcases around airports, train stations and Tokyo streets. The problem is that the mobile luggage is classed as a motorized vehicle under Japanese law. This means they can be ridden on roads only. The rider needs a helmet, a driver's license, and insurance. Laws require the suitcases to be registered, and have a rear-view mirror and indicator lights. Airports in Osaka and Nagoya have asked tourists to pull rather than ride the suitcases.

Electric luggage has been around since 2016. Back then, a company called Modobag produced them. The company's slogan was "the carry-on that carries you". In the past year, the rideable luggage has become popular with celebrities. K-pop stars Blackpink, singer Katie Perry, and media personality Paris Hilton have all posted online videos of themselves riding their suitcases. Companies are also trying to make rules for the new way of getting around. British Airways will only allow them on airplanes if the lithium batteries can be removed because the batteries are a fire risk. Kyodo News spoke to transport expert Dr Takeru Shibayama. He said: "Unexpected new forms of transport will continue to emerge." He added that new laws will always be needed.

Sources: <https://english.kyodonews.net/news/2024/07/17bb6dc8b49c-japan-puts-the-brakes-on-electric-suitcases-amid-tourism-boom.html>
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<https://www.msn.com/en-sg/news/other/motorised-suitcases-banned-from-airports-in-japan-after-crashes/ar-BB1qOVnL>

WARM-UPS

1. SUITCASES: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about suitcases. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

advance / suitcase / technology / speed / nuisance / airports / laws / helmet / mirror luggage / slogan / popular / celebrities / stars / online videos / batteries / fire / risk

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. UNHEALTHY: Students A **strongly** believe rideable suitcases are unhealthy because we will walk less; Students B **strongly** believe otherwise. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. LUGGAGE, ETC: How useful are these things? What are yours like? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Usefulness	Mine
Suitcase		
Backpack		
Pencil case		
Computer bag		
Sports bag		
Other _____		

5. ELECTRIC: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "electric". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. THINGS TO RIDE: Rank these with your partner. Put the best things to ride at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Suitcases
- Supermarket carts
- e-Scooters
- Horses
- Motorbikes
- Elephants
- Unicycles
- Office chairs

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|--------------|--|
| 1. advance | a. Liked by many people. |
| 2. rideable | b. A thing that you can see yourself in. |
| 3. motorized | c. A new and better way of doing something. |
| 4. popular | d. Having a motor to make it move. |
| 5. nuisance | e. Something you can sit on and move from A to B. |
| 6. insurance | f. Something that causes problems or is annoying. |
| 7. mirror | g. A way to protect yourself if something bad happens (by paying money). |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|--------------------|---|
| 8. luggage | h. To make or create something. |
| 9. produce | i. A short and easy-to-remember phrase used in advertising. |
| 10. slogan | j. Taken away. |
| 11. celebrities | k. Bags or suitcases you take when you travel. |
| 12. getting around | l. To come out or appear. |
| 13. removed | m. Moving from one place to another. |
| 14. emerge | n. Famous people. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

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

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

1. Rideable suitcases can reach speeds of 130kph. **T / F**
2. More people are riding their suitcases on highways in Japan. **T / F**
3. Rideable suitcases riders need a helmet and insurance in Japan. **T / F**
4. An airport in Osaka told people not to ride their rideable suitcases. **T / F**
5. The first rideable suitcases were made six years ago. **T / F**
6. J-pop stars uploaded videos of rideable suitcases on social media. **T / F**
7. British Airways has banned all rideable suitcases from its airplanes. **T / F**
8. An expert said there will be new kinds of transport in the future. **T / F**

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

- | | |
|--------------------|----------------|
| 1. advance | a. danger |
| 2. luggage | b. need |
| 3. nuisance | c. catchphrase |
| 4. require | d. annoyance |
| 5. ride | e. regulations |
| 6. slogan | f. development |
| 7. popular | g. come out |
| 8. rules | h. well liked |
| 9. risk | i. suitcases |
| 10. emerge | j. sit on |

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

- | | |
|---|----------------------------|
| 1. The latest advance | a. a fire risk |
| 2. travel at a speed | b. parts of Japan |
| 3. it is becoming a nuisance in some | c. mirror |
| 4. classed as a motorized vehicle | d. of getting around |
| 5. have a rear-view | e. will continue to emerge |
| 6. The company's slogan was "the carry-on | f. of up to 13 kph |
| 7. rules for the new way | g. be removed |
| 8. the lithium batteries can | h. in suitcase technology |
| 9. the batteries are | i. that carries you" |
| 10. Unexpected new forms of transport | j. under Japanese law |

GAP FILL

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

The latest (1) _____ in suitcase technology is causing problems in Japan. Many suitcases are now rideable. Travellers can sit on them, and travel at a (2) _____ of up to 13 kph. The motorized luggage is becoming increasingly (3) _____. However, it is becoming a nuisance in some (4) _____ of Japan. More and more people there are riding their suitcases around airports, train stations and Tokyo streets. The (5) _____ is that the mobile luggage is classed as a motorized vehicle under Japanese law. This means they can be (6) _____ on roads only. The rider needs a helmet, a driver's license, and insurance. Laws require the suitcases to be registered, and have a rear-view (7) _____ and indicator lights. Airports in Osaka and Nagoya have asked tourists to (8) _____ rather than ride the suitcases.

Electric (9) _____ has been around since 2016. Back then, a company called Modobag produced them. The company's (10) _____ was "the carry-on that carries you". In the past year, the rideable luggage has become popular with (11) _____. K-pop stars Blackpink, singer Katie Perry, and media personality Paris Hilton have all (12) _____ online videos of themselves riding their suitcases. Companies are also trying to make rules for the new (13) _____ of getting around. British Airways will only allow them on airplanes if the lithium (14) _____ can be removed because the batteries are a fire risk. Kyodo News spoke to transport (15) _____ Dr Takeru Shibayama. He said: "Unexpected new forms of transport will continue to (16) _____." He added that new laws will always be needed.

popular

ridden

pull

advance

problem

speed

mirror

parts

slogan

posted

emerge

celebrities

batteries

luggage

expert

way

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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

- 1) The latest advance in suitcase technology _____
 - a. is causing problem
 - b. is causing problems
 - c. is casing problems
 - d. is caused in problems
- 2) Travellers can sit on them, and travel at a speed of _____
 - a. up to 13 kph
 - b. down to 13 kph
 - c. up for 13 kph
 - d. down at 13 kph
- 3) However, it is becoming a nuisance in some _____
 - a. apart of Japan
 - b. partners of Japan
 - c. parties of Japan
 - d. parts of Japan
- 4) The problem is that the mobile luggage is classed as a motorized vehicle _____
 - a. under Japanese law
 - b. over Japanese law
 - c. below Japanese law
 - d. asunder Japanese law
- 5) Airports in Osaka and Nagoya have asked tourists to pull rather than _____
 - a. rode the suitcases
 - b. rid the suitcases
 - c. ride the suitcases
 - d. rides the suitcases
- 6) Back then, a company called _____
 - a. Modobag produce them
 - b. Modobag produced them
 - c. Modobag produced then
 - d. Modobag produce then
- 7) In the past year, the rideable luggage has become _____
 - a. popular within celebrities
 - b. popular wither celebrities
 - c. popular with celebrities
 - d. popular without celebrities
- 8) Companies are also trying to make rules for the new way _____
 - a. of getting abound
 - b. of get in a round
 - c. of getting around
 - d. of getting aground
- 9) if the lithium batteries can be removed because the batteries are _____
 - a. a fire brisk
 - b. a fire frisk
 - c. a fire risqué
 - d. a fire risk
- 10) He said: "Unexpected new forms of transport will _____"
 - a. continue to submerge
 - b. continue to emerge
 - c. continue to emergency
 - d. continue to emergent

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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

The (1) _____ suitcase technology is causing problems in Japan. Many suitcases are now rideable. Travellers can sit on them, and travel at (2) _____ up to 13 kph. The motorized luggage is becoming increasingly popular. However, it is becoming (3) _____ some parts of Japan. More and more people there are riding their suitcases around airports, train stations and Tokyo streets. The problem is that the mobile luggage (4) _____ a motorized vehicle under Japanese law. This means they can be ridden on roads only. The rider (5) _____, a driver's license, and insurance. Laws require the suitcases to be registered, and have a rear-view mirror and indicator lights. Airports in Osaka and Nagoya have asked tourists to (6) _____ ride the suitcases.

Electric luggage has (7) _____ 2016. Back then, a company called Modobag produced them. The company's (8) _____ carry-on that carries you". In the past year, the rideable luggage has become popular with celebrities. K-pop stars Blackpink, singer Katie Perry, (9) _____ Paris Hilton have all posted online videos of themselves riding their suitcases. Companies are also trying to make rules for the (10) _____ getting around. British Airways will only allow them on airplanes if the lithium batteries can be removed because the batteries are (11) _____. Kyodo News spoke to transport expert Dr Takeru Shibayama. He said: "Unexpected new forms of transport will (12) _____." He added that new laws will always be needed.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

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

1. What's the top speed of rideable suitcases?
2. Where are people riding suitcases besides airports and train stations?
3. What are rideable suitcases classed as in Japan?
4. What kind of mirror do rideable suitcases need in Japan?
5. What must tourists do to their suitcases at two Japanese airports?
6. When did the first rideable suitcases appear?
7. Who have the rideable suitcases become popular with?
8. What must you remove from the suitcases on British Airways flights?
9. Who is Dr Takeru Shibayama?
10. What did Dr Takeru Shibayama say would always be needed?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

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

- 1) What's the top speed of rideable suitcases?
 - a) 30 kph
 - b) 13 kph
 - c) 103 kph
 - d) 113 kph
- 2) Where are people riding suitcases besides airports and train stations?
 - a) in shopping malls
 - b) on highways
 - c) on race circuits
 - d) Tokyo's streets
- 3) What are rideable suitcases classed as in Japan?
 - a) motorized vehicles
 - b) e-luggage
 - c) dangerous
 - d) fire risks
- 4) What kind of mirror do rideable suitcases need in Japan?
 - a) a compact mirror
 - b) a two-way mirror
 - c) a rear-view mirror
 - d) a steam-proof mirror
- 5) What must tourists do to their suitcases at two Japanese airports?
 - a) put them on a trolley
 - b) pull them
 - c) lock them
 - d) push them
- 6) When did the first rideable suitcases appear?
 - a) 2016
 - b) 2015
 - c) 2014
 - d) 2012
- 7) Who have the rideable suitcases become popular with?
 - a) children
 - b) backpackers
 - c) celebrities
 - d) royalty
- 8) What must you remove from the suitcases on British Airways flights?
 - a) the batteries
 - b) liquids
 - c) keys
 - d) the wheels
- 9) Who is Dr Takeru Shibayama?
 - a) a transport expert
 - b) a celebrity
 - c) a suitcase designer
 - d) a journalist
- 10) What did Dr Takeru Shibayama say would always be needed?
 - a) celebrities
 - b) luggage
 - c) wheels
 - d) new laws

ROLE PLAY

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

Role A – Suitcases

You think suitcases are the best things to ride. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things to ride aren't as fun. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): supermarket carts, horses or office chairs.

Role B – Supermarket Carts

You think supermarket carts are the best things to ride. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things to ride aren't as fun. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): suitcases, horses or office chairs.

Role C – Horses

You think horses are the best things to ride. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things to ride aren't as fun. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): supermarket carts, suitcases or office chairs.

Role D – Office Chairs

You think office chairs are the best things to ride. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things to ride aren't as fun. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): supermarket carts, horses or suitcases.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

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

1. WORD SEARCH: Look online / in your dictionary to find collocates, information on, synonyms for... the words 'electric' and 'suitcase'.

electric	suitcase
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• causing• 13• some• stations• rider• pull	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• slogan• celebrities• posted• way• risk• forms
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SUITCASES SURVEY

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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.

SUITCASES DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'electric'?
3. What do you think of suitcases?
4. What do you think of rideable suitcases?
5. How much of a nuisance might rideable suitcases be?
6. Where would you ride on a rideable suitcase?
7. Should you need a driver's license to ride a rideable suitcase?
8. Should rideable suitcases have indicators and a rear-view mirror?
9. How lazy are we becoming if we have rideable suitcases?
10. What should the top speed of a rideable suitcase be?

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SUITCASES DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'suitcase'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What do you think of the slogan in the article?
15. Why would celebrities like rideable suitcases?
16. What other things in our lives should be rideable?
17. What do you think of motorized shopping carts in malls?
18. What rules should there be for rideable suitcases?
19. What new forms of transport do you think will emerge?
20. What questions would you like to ask a rideable suitcase maker?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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

The latest advance (1) _____ suitcase technology is causing problems in Japan. Many suitcases are now rideable. Travellers can sit (2) _____ them, and travel at a speed of up to 13 kph. The motorized luggage is becoming (3) _____ popular. However, it is becoming a nuisance in some parts of Japan. More and more people there are (4) _____ their suitcases around airports, train stations and Tokyo streets. The problem is that the mobile luggage is classed (5) _____ a motorized vehicle under Japanese law. This means they can be ridden on roads only. The rider needs a helmet, a driver's license, and insurance. Laws require the suitcases to be registered, and have a rear-view mirror and indicator lights. Airports in Osaka and Nagoya have asked tourists to (6) _____ rather than ride the suitcases.

Electric luggage has been (7) _____ since 2016. Back then, a company called Modobag produced them. The company's slogan was "the carry-on that (8) _____ you". In the past year, the rideable luggage has become popular with celebrities. K-pop stars Blackpink, singer Katie Perry, and media (9) _____ Paris Hilton have all posted online videos of themselves riding their suitcases. Companies are also trying to make rules for the new way of getting around. British Airways will only allow them on airplanes if the lithium batteries can be (10) _____ because the batteries are a fire risk. Kyodo News spoke to transport (11) _____ Dr Takeru Shibayama. He said: "Unexpected new forms of transport will continue to emerge." He added that new (12) _____ will always be needed.

Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|--------------|-----------------|------------------|---------------|
| 1. | (a) in | (b) on | (c) at | (d) by |
| 2. | (a) in | (b) by | (c) on | (d) of |
| 3. | (a) increase | (b) increased | (c) increasingly | (d) increases |
| 4. | (a) sailing | (b) piloting | (c) piloting | (d) riding |
| 5. | (a) at | (b) on | (c) as | (d) by |
| 6. | (a) push | (b) pull | (c) drag | (d) drop |
| 7. | (a) about | (b) around | (c) up | (d) down |
| 8. | (a) carrier | (b) carries | (c) carer | (d) cares |
| 9. | (a) personal | (b) personalize | (c) personality | (d) persons |
| 10. | (a) removing | (b) removal | (c) remove | (d) removed |
| 11. | (a) issue | (b) analysis | (c) hub | (d) expert |
| 12. | (a) luggage | (b) cases | (c) wheels | (d) laws |

SPELLING

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

Paragraph 1

1. The latest edacanv in suitcase technology
2. rvtsealer can sit on them
3. motorized glaugeg
4. it is becoming a ciuneans
5. classed as a motorized eehlivc
6. Laws eurigre the suitcases to be registered

Paragraph 2

7. The company's Insoag
8. Iporpau with celebrities
9. media nyrsoaelipt
10. lithium bateetirs
11. transport rexetp Dr Takeru Shibayama
12. continue to greeme

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () removed because the batteries are a fire risk. Kyodo News spoke to transport expert Dr Takeru Shibayama. He said:
- () around. British Airways will only allow them on airplanes if the lithium batteries can be
- () online videos of themselves riding their suitcases. Companies are also trying to make rules for the new way of getting
- () with celebrities. K-pop stars Blackpink, singer Katie Perry, and media personality Paris Hilton have all posted
- () mirror and indicator lights. Airports in Osaka and Nagoya have asked tourists to pull rather than ride the suitcases.
- () a driver's license, and insurance. Laws require the suitcases to be registered, and have a rear-view
- () around airports, train stations and Tokyo streets. The problem is that the mobile luggage is classed
- () as a motorized vehicle under Japanese law. This means they can be ridden on roads only. The rider needs a helmet,
- () "Unexpected new forms of transport will continue to emerge." He added that new laws will always be needed.
- () Electric luggage has been around since 2016. Back then, a company called Modobag produced them. The company's slogan
- () was "the carry-on that carries you". In the past year, the rideable luggage has become popular
- (**1**) The latest advance in suitcase technology is causing problems in Japan. Many suitcases are now rideable. Travellers can
- () sit on them, and travel at a speed of up to 13 kph. The motorized luggage is becoming increasingly
- () popular. However, it is becoming a nuisance in some parts of Japan. More and more people there are riding their suitcases

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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

1. advance is The problems . causing latest technology in
2. at up to 13 kph . of speed Travel a
3. is becoming a nuisance some It in parts .
4. are airports . their riding People around suitcases there
5. the be registered . suitcases to Laws require
6. luggage celebrities . The with popular has become rideable
7. themselves riding of suitcases . videos their Posted
8. of way the getting Rules for around . new
9. continue of emerge . transport will Unexpected to forms
10. be He needed . said laws new always would

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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

The latest advance *on / in* suitcase technology is *causing / casing* problems in Japan. Many suitcases are now rideable. Travellers can sit *in / on* them, and travel at a speed of up to 13 kph. The motorized luggage is becoming *increasing / increasingly* popular. However, it is becoming a nuisance in some parts of Japan. More and more people there are *ridden / riding* their suitcases around airports, train stations and Tokyo streets. The problem is that the mobile luggage is *classy / classed* as a motorized vehicle *under / over* Japanese law. This means they can be ridden on roads only. The rider needs a helmet, a driver's license, and *insure / insurance*. Laws require the suitcases to be registered, and have *the / a* rear-view mirror and indicator lights. Airports in Osaka and Nagoya have asked *tourists / tours* to pull rather than ride the suitcases.

Electric luggage has been around *since / for* 2016. Back then, a company called Modobag produced them. The company's slogan was "the carry-on that *carries / cares* you". In the past year, the rideable luggage has become *popularity / popular* with celebrities. K-pop stars Blackpink, singer Katie Perry, and *media / medium* personality Paris Hilton have all *pasted / posted* online videos of themselves riding their suitcases. Companies are also trying to make *rules / rails* for the new way of getting around. British Airways will only allow them on airplanes if the lithium batteries can be *removal / removed* because the batteries are a fire *risky / risk*. Kyodo News spoke to transport expert Dr Takeru Shibayama. He said: "Unexpected new *cases / forms* of transport will continue to emerge." He added that new laws will always be *need / needed*.

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct. Look up the definition of new words.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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Th_ l_t_st _dv_nc_ _n s__tc_s_ t_chn_l_gy _s c__s_ng
pr_bl_ms _n J_p_n. M_ny s__tc_s_s _r_ n_w r_d__bl_.
Tr_v_ll_rs c_n s_t _n th_m, _nd tr_v_l _t _ sp__d _f
p t 13 kph. Th_ m_t_r_z_d l_gg_g_ _s b_c_m_ng
_ncr__s_ngly p_p_l_r. H_w_v_r, _t _s b_c_m_ng _
n__s_nc_ _n s_m_ p_rts _f J_p_n. M_r_ _nd m_r_
p__pl_ th_r_ _r_ r_d_ng th__r s__tc_s_s _r__nd
__rp_rts, tr__n st_t__ns _nd T_ky_ str__ts. Th_
pr_bl_m _s th_t th_ m_b_l_ l_gg_g_ _s cl_ss_d _s _
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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

the latest advance in suitcase technology is causing problems in japan many suitcases are now rideable travellers can sit on them and travel at a speed of up to 13 kph the motorized luggage is becoming increasingly popular however it is becoming a nuisance in some parts of japan more and more people there are riding their suitcases around airports train stations and tokyo streets the problem is that the mobile luggage is classed as a motorized vehicle under japanese law this means they can be ridden on roads only the rider needs a helmet a drivers license and insurance laws require the suitcases to be registered and have a rearview mirror and indicator lights airports in osaka and nagoya have asked tourists to pull rather than ride the suitcases

electric luggage has been around since 2016 back then a company called modobag produced them the companys slogan was the carryon that carries you in the past year the rideable luggage has become popular with celebrities kpop stars blackpink singer katie perry and media personality paris hilton have all posted online videos of themselves riding their suitcases companies are also trying to make rules for the new way of getting around british airways will only allow them on airplanes if the lithium batteries can be removed because the batteries are a fire risk kyodo news spoke to transport expert dr takeru shibayama he said unexpected new forms of transport will continue to emerge he added that new laws will always be needed

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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The latest advance in suitcase technology is causing problems in Japan. Many suitcases are now rideable. Travellers can sit on them, and travel at a speed of up to 13 kph. The motorized luggage is becoming increasingly popular. However, it is becoming an nuisance in some parts of Japan. More and more people there are riding their suitcases around airports, train stations and Tokyo streets. The problem is that the mobile luggage is classed as a motorized vehicle under Japanese law. This means they can be ridden on road only. The rider needs a helmet, a driver's license, and insurance. Laws require the suitcases to be registered, and have a rear-view mirror and indicator lights. Airports in Osaka and Nagoya have asked tourists to pull rather than ride the suitcases. Electric luggage has been around since 2016. Back then, a company called Modobag produced them. The company's slogan was "the carry-on that carries you". In the past year, the rideable luggage has become popular with celebrities. K-pop stars Blackpink, singer Katie Perry, and media personality Paris Hilton have all posted online videos of themselves riding their suitcases. Companies are also trying to make rules for the new way of getting around. British Airways will only allow them on air planes if the lithium batteries can be removed because the batteries are a fire risk. Kyodo News spoke to transport expert Dr Takeru Shibayama. He said: "Unexpected new forms of transport will continue to emerge." He added that new laws will always be needed.

HOMework

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. SUITCASES: Make a poster about suitcases. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. RIDEABLE SUITCASES: Write a magazine article about banning rideable suitcases to stop obesity increasing. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on rideable suitcases. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your opinions what the suitcases might do to people's health. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. c 2. e 3. d 4. a 5. f 6. g 7. b
8. k 9. h 10. i 11. n 12. m 13. j 14. l

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- 1 F 2 F 3 T 4 T 5 F 6 F 7 F 8 T

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. f	2. i	3. d	4. b	5. j
6. c	7. h	8. e	9. a	10. g

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

- 13 kph
- Tokyo's streets
- Motorized vehicles
- A rear-view mirror
- Pull them
- In 2016
- Celebrities
- The batteries
- A transport expert
- New laws

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

- The latest advance in technology is causing problems.
- Travel at a speed of up to 13 kph.
- It is becoming a nuisance in some parts.
- People there are riding their suitcases around airports.
- Laws require the suitcases to be registered.
- The rideable luggage has become popular with celebrities.
- Posted videos of themselves riding their suitcases.
- Rules for the new way of getting around.
- Unexpected forms of transport will continue to emerge.
- He said new laws would always be needed.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. b 2. d 3. a 4. c 5. b 6. a 7. c 8. a 9. a 10. d

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)