## Reading Lesson Plan

## Taxi

| Instructor: Nancy | Level: Intermediate | Students: 9 | Length: 25 minutes |
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| Materials: |  |  |  |
| - White board, markers |  |  |  |
| - A picture (transportation) |  |  |  |
| - Worksheets : Reading \& Reading tasks worksheets (9 Copies) |  |  |  |
| Aims: Students identify how to explain their experience by reading the handouts |  |  |  |
| - Students identify new vocabulary by reading the handouts |  |  |  |
| - Students discuss by sharing ideas in a group |  |  |  |

## Language Skills:

Reading: Reading handouts
Listening: Listening to teacher's directions and other students story
Speaking: Practicing reading and sharing thoughts about the taxi
Writing: Filling out the questions and writing an essay, using the handouts

## Language Systems:

Function: Students will understand the story and write related story
Lexis: Vocabulary in the story
Phonology: monitoring Ss' pronunciation
Grammar: Work on grammar points in the handouts
Discourse: Analvze and discuss

## Assumptions:

Students can already know:
Students are able to discuss and share their ideas in English
Students know vocabularies from the worksheet already
Anticipated Errors and Solutions:

- Write down their experience might be difficult for students
$\rightarrow$ Give them some ideas or example
- The main activity finish earlier than expected
$\rightarrow$ Review the topic and get feedback from Students
$\rightarrow$ Have SOS activity prepared


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## Pre-task

Materials: A picture, Board and Markers

| Time | Set Up | Procedure: <br> Whole Class <br> <Greeting> <br> T: Hello everyone, How are you? <br> Let's get started. <br> <Eliciting> <br> (Showing Ss pictures to elicit the topic) |
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| T: Okay, Let's take a look at The picture. |  |  |
| What can you tell me about it? |  |  |
| (Expecting Ss to answer "Taxi". If they do not know the |  |  |
| answer, give it to them directly.) |  |  |
| (Writing down the Ss' answers on the board) |  |  |
| <CCQ> |  |  |
| Have you ever been take a cap in abroad? |  |  |
| T: Today, we will read about taxi. I am going to give you |  |  |
| instructions first. |  |  |


| Task-preparation |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Materials: Reading tasks Worksheets(9 copies), Board and Markers |  |  |
| Time <br> 3 minutes | Set Up <br> Pair Work | Procedure: <br> <Instructions> <br> Let's take a look at first page. You can see there are 9 questions. During 3minutes, Think about the taxis and answer the following questions with your partner. <br> <Demonstration> <br> I am going to give you a simple demonstration. <br> <ICQ> <br> How much time do you have? (3minutes) <br> (Monitoring) <br> If Ss make some mistakes, T just listens to their mistakes and takes note them in T's notebook. |
| Task-realization |  |  |
| Materials: Reading Worksheets(9 copies), Board and Markers |  |  |
| Time <br> 5 minutes | Set up <br> Whole Class | Procedure: <br> (T gives to them Reading Worksheets and introduces the main activity) <br> <Instructions> |



## TAXI ! - reading tasks


(1) Think about the taxis in your country and answer the following questions with another student:

- What is 'taxi' in your language?
- What colour are the cars?
- Do the taxis have a meter?
- What is the minimum price for a ride?
- Are taxis cheap or expensive to use?
- Do taxi drivers in your country take advantage of tourists? If so, how?
- Do you think they are safe drivers, or not?
- Do you use taxis regularly, or not at all? Why?
- Is it difficult to find one? Always or only sometimes?
(2) Which stories mention the following things? Write the name of the country beside the topic. The first one has been done for you.

1. An animal
2. An unfriendly taxi driver
3. Guns
4. A fight
5. Cost of the ride
6. The airport
7. A hotel
8. A friendly taxi driver
9. A laptop
10. A cruise
11. Greece
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13. $\square$
14. $\qquad$
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16. $\qquad$
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19. $\qquad$
20. $\qquad$

## (3) Read the stories again more slowly and answer these questions:

| Greece | Why were the parents tired? <br> Why did the driver want the rabbit? |
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| Colombia | Why was the boyfriend nervous about going to Colombia? <br> Where did the taxi driver think was more dangerous? Bogota or London? |
| Vietnam $\quad$Why did the taxi driver not want to use the meter? <br> What did the man who got in the car do to the taxi driver? |  |
| The USA | Did the sister know the name and address of the hotel? <br> Did she know now to get there? |
| The UK | Why did the friend panic? <br> How many laptops are left in London taxis every year? |
| Tunisia | Was it easy for the brother to find a taxi? <br> How did he get to the port on time? |

## (4) Express your opinion.

- Which story do you like best? Why?
- Have you ever had a similar experience? What happened?

Comprehension Questions (extra work)
(5) Without looing can you remember the phrases missing from these sentences?

1. They were just beginning to ___ in the back seat...
2. ...my mother was rather __ when the driver turned round...
3. The taxi driver wanted to ___ his English
4. ... he both arms $\qquad$
5. Only later did she __ that the taxi driver had been caught stealing
6. ...when he started $\qquad$ at her for not knowing the way
7. ...he went __ to their Lost and Found office
8. He was $\qquad$ to find the laptop waiting for him
9. ... when he suddenly realized he'd completely $\qquad$
10. And he caught the boat in the $\qquad$

## TAXI ! - reading

## Greece

Well, my parents went on holiday to Crete last year. They got there very early in the morning so that the taxi ride from the airport to their hotel was in the dark. They were just beginning to doze off in the back seat when they were thrown violently to one side as the taxi swerved across the road. Suddenly wide-awake they could just make out in the weak headlights the tail of a rabbit as it zigzagged in panic. Thinking that the taxi driver was swerving to avoid the petrified animal my mother was rather taken aback when the driver turned round smacking his lips and cried 'Rabbit! I love the rabbit! My wife cook for me!'

## Colombia

Before I met my boyfriend he got a job teaching in Colombia. You can imagine that he was a bit worried about it, all those horror stories about drug gangs and guns, but he was also looking forward to it. Of course his first view of Bogota was from the taxi window on the way from the airport. The taxi driver was fascinated that he had come from England and wanted to try out his English. But when he heard that his passenger came from London he threw both arms up in the air with horror: 'London! Is terrible! Is full of hooligans!'

## Vietnam

A friend of mine lived in Hanoi for a few years. Taxis there were very cheap and she used them a lot. One night a taxi driver suggested he didn't put the meter on and offered a cheaper price for the journey. Too tired to argue she agreed. But just as the taxi was about to turn the final corner a man opened the door and jumped in beside her! She thought he wanted a ride so she decided to get out. But the man wouldn't let her pay and started shouting angrily at the driver. To my friend's horror he then started hitting the driver around the head. Rather frightened she got out the car and ran down the road. Only later did she find out that the taxi driver had been caught stealing from his company and they didn't want him to get away with it.

## The USA

Well, imagine how my sister felt when she went off for the first time to New York for a business trip. After a few days she was still amazed at how friendly everyone was to her until she took a taxi back to her hotel one night. First she gave just the name of the hotel, but when asked she said the address too. Then she was asked how to get there but of course she hadn't a clue. Imagine how frightened she was when he started ranting and raving at her for not knowing the way. She said it was awful.

## The UK

A friend of a friend was in London for a conference. He took a cab and there were no problems: the driver knew the way and was very cheerful. The problem started when he realised he had stupidly left his laptop on the back seat! He called the company up and, in a panic, went straightaway to their Lost and Found office (and missing some of the conference as a result). He was over the moon to find the laptop waiting for him, and then very surprised that it was one of 2,900 left in taxis over the past six months!

## Tunisia

Well, my brother took a Mediterranean cruise one summer and had a day in Tunis. He spent most of the afternoon in the Medina buying presents when he suddenly realised he'd completely lost track of time and there was only half an hour before the ship left the port. There had been loads of yellow taxis in the centre so he wasn't too bothered until he stood on the pavement and waited for one to appear - and of course there wasn't a single one in sight! Nothing! Frantic, he questioned a passer-by who explained that the cost for the taxi ride goes up in the evening so the taxi drivers disappear until they can charge higher prices! Luckily for my brother the man then offered to give him a lift and he caught the boat in the nick of time!

