

2d In some of the following sentences it's possible to use the gerund or the infinitive form. Tick those sentences where both forms are possible. Score out the wrong form in those sentences where only one form is possible.

1. I enjoy going / to go by bike in good weather.
2. Do you prefer travelling / to travel by bus or train?
3. Would you like flying / to fly round the world?
4. I don't mind walking / to walk when I'm not in a hurry.
5. Some people like driving / to drive their car even in the rush-hour.
6. My neighbour hates travelling / to travel long distances.



3 Taking a cab

a Have a look at this text about using taxi-cabs in the US. Some words are missing in the text. Can you fill them in?

In American towns there are no taxi _____ (1), and taxis do not stand at the _____ (2). However, there is a separate taxi line _____ (3) airports and railway stations. You can also _____ (4) a list of cab companies in the _____ (5) pages of the local telephone book. When you _____ (6) to order a cab, remember to give _____ (7) of where you are and where you _____ (8) to go. Don't forget to give your telephone _____ (9) so that the cab driver can call you _____ (10) he has a problem trying to locate you. You can also _____ (11) for a wake-up call when you book a cab for the early morning. Always ask for the estimated _____ (12) of the ride beforehand. Try to have _____ (13) change (\$1, \$5, \$10) as sometimes taxi drivers don't have change, and you might end up _____ (14) a bit extra. You can also ask for a _____ (15) from the driver if you want, especially if you want to reimburse the fare from your company.

- 1 a. stands
b. stalls
c. seats
d. rows

- 2 a. road
b. street
c. roadside
d. pavement

- 3 a. on
b. in
c. for
d. at

- 4 a. find
b. search
c. look
d. seek

- 5 a. blue
b. yellow
c. red
d. white

- 6 a. cry
b. shout
c. call
d. speak

- 7 a. ideas
b. details
c. description
d. address

- 8 a. like
b. enjoy
c. love
d. want

- 9 a. number
b. call
c. book
d. line

- 10 a. that
b. when
c. while
d. if

- 11 a. look
b. ask
c. request
d. demand

- 12 a. fare
b. tax
c. money
d. rate

- 13 a. any
b. much
c. many
d. some

- 14 a. saving
b. giving
c. paying
d. keeping

- 15 a. recipe
b. receipt
c. prescription
d. description

Compare your version with a partner.

b Did you find any differences in the text between taking a cab in the US and taking a taxi in your country? Do you know any other differences? Have you had any unusual taxi experiences in any other countries?