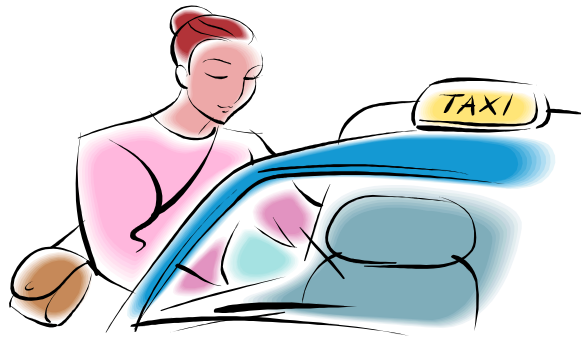


Taking a Taxi



Jun: Hey Taxi! Ah great. Thanks for pulling over.

Driver: Where to?

Jun: Well, I'm going to the Kowloon Company.

Driver: Sure. No problem. Please hop in.

Jun: Uh. Excuse me. How long does it take to get there?

Driver: Well, that depends on the traffic, but it shouldn't take more than twenty minutes for the average driver.

Jun: Okay. Uh, sorry for asking, but do you have any idea how much the fare will be?

Driver: It shouldn't be more than HK \$300

Jun: I'm scheduled for a meeting at 3 pm. Uh, do you have the time?

Driver: It's half past one.

Jun: Thanks, I still have much time.

Driver: Why are you here for?

Jun: I'm here for a business trip.

Driver: I see. We will be there few minutes from now.

(a few minutes later)

Driver: Uh oh. I think we have a problem. A car accident just happened a block from here. I'm afraid we can't go back to our way because this is just a one way street.

Jun: This can't be. I have a very important appointment. Is there any other way out?

Driver: I'm afraid no. We have no choice but to wait until the tow truck dispatch the wrecked cars.



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Useful Expressions:

1. Where to?
= Where to go? / Where are we going to?
2. Please hop in.
= Please get in.
3. Do you have the time?
= What time is it?
4. This can't be.
= This must not be happening.
5. I'm afraid no.
= It's sad to say but there's no way.



Key words:

1. pull over – stopping a vehicle at the side of the road
2. one way street – a street where cars can only drive in one direction
3. wrecked – damaged
4. average – typical