



BANNING CARS - B1



NEWZY WARM-UP

Respond to the questions below.

- Do you have a car? Do you need to use it every day?
- In your opinion, what is the biggest inconvenience of having a car in a city? Explain.

NEWZY LISTENING COMPREHENSION

Read the questions, then listen to the video clip twice in order to respond to the questions.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TJoThVAZO-E>

1. Which capital is presented in the video and what is interesting about it?

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2. Why did the city make this decision?

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3. How do the residents feel about the changes?

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4. What did they do with all the old carparks?

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5. What does the mayor hope to accomplish?

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6. How were these measures introduced? *Check the correct box below*

Measures	TRUE	FALSE	NOT MENTIONED
<i>All roads in the city center were closed.</i>			
<i>New roads and carparks will be built outside the city.</i>			
<i>New bike lanes have been opened.</i>			
<i>Signs forbidding motorized vehicles were placed around the city.</i>			
<i>Electric cars are being encouraged in Oslo.</i>			
<i>The congestion tax has been decreased.</i>			
<i>750 carparks were destroyed.</i>			
<i>Scooters were banned.</i>			

7. How has public transport changed in Oslo?

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8. What was specially built for electric vehicles?

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9. How did businesses respond to these changes?

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10. Do you agree with what the mayor says at the end of the video?



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VOCABULARY EXERCISE

Match the names of noises with their definitions and then associate them with the place where you would most likely hear them. What would make these noises there?

splash	a low heavy continuous reverberating often muffled sound
bang	a high-pitched signal
vroom	the sound of an engine revving up
snap	the sound of an explosion or a gunshot
clink	the sound a door makes when opening
creak	the sound of glass on glass
pop	the sound of burning wood
beep	the sound of something hitting water
crackle	a sharp sound when something solid breaks suddenly
rumble	the sound a balloon makes when it explodes

in a hot dry forest

in front of a chimney

on your balcony during a storm

in a hotel

at a wedding

at a New Year's Eve party

on a Formula 1 circuit

at the office

at a pool

at a carnival



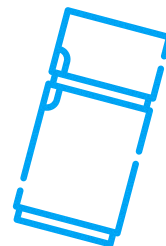
SPEAKING ASSIGNMENT

Read the list of propositions below. Choose three objects or ideas that you could easily eliminate from your life and the three things that would be the most difficult to get rid of. Rank them from the most difficult to the easiest to eliminate. For each answer, explain how it would inconvenience your life to not have them and also what the benefits would be without them.

delivery
smartphone
social media
Über
electricity



hot water
fridge
microwave
meat
bed





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LISTENING COMPREHENSION

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- Which capital is presented in the video and what is interesting about it? **The video talks about Oslo and the fact that they are banning cars in the city center.**
- Why did the city make this decision? **To improve air quality and give the city back to the people.**
- How do the residents feel about the changes? **They are generally happy about it and think it is a very good idea.**
- What did they do with all the old carparks? **They turned them into parks, restaurants and flowerbeds.**
- What does the mayor hope to accomplish? **To be a model for other cities.**
- How were these measures introduced? *Check the correct box below*

Measures	TRUE	FALSE	NOT MENTIONED
All roads in the city center were closed.		X	
New roads and carparks will be built outside the city.			X
New bike lanes have been opened.	X		
Signs forbidding motorized vehicles were placed around the city.	X		
Electric cars are being encouraged in Oslo.	X		
The congestion tax has been decreased.		X	
76 carparks were destroyed.		X	
Scooters were banned.			X

- How has public transport changed? **They were upgraded and electrified.**
- What was specially built for electric vehicles? **An underground bomb shelter was converted into a free parking and charging station for electric vehicles.**
- How did businesses respond to the changes? **At first, they were sceptical, but they found that it did not hurt their businesses.**
- Do you agree with what the mayor says at the end of the video? **Open answer.**



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