

Calling for a Taxi

CEFR A2 Roleplay



1. Warm-up Discussion

1. Have you ever called for a taxi before? Where were you going?
2. What information do you need to give when you call a taxi?
3. How do you ask about the cost of the taxi ride?
4. How do you explain your location to the taxi service?
5. What do you say when you want to book a taxi for a specific time?
6. What do you do if the taxi takes a long time to arrive?

2. Example Conversation: Calling for a Taxi

Student A (Customer): Hello, I'd like to book a taxi, please.

Student B (Taxi Operator): Sure! Where would you like the taxi to pick you up?

Student A: I'm at 25 Maple Street.

Student B: And where are you going?

Student A: I'm going to the train station, please.

Student B: What time would you like the taxi?

Student A: As soon as possible, please.

Student B: No problem. The taxi will be there in about 10 minutes.

Student A: Thank you. How much will the ride cost?

Student B: It should be around \$15, depending on traffic.

Student A: That's fine. Can I pay with a credit card?

Student B: Yes, the driver accepts credit cards.

Student A: Great, thank you for your help!

Student B: You're welcome! The taxi will be there shortly.

Student A: Thanks, I'll be waiting outside.

Student B: Have a safe trip!

3. Background

You need to get to an important appointment, and the best way to get there is by taxi. One of you will be a customer who needs to call a taxi service to arrange a ride, and the other will be the taxi operator taking the booking. The customer will provide the necessary information, such as the pick-up location and destination, while the operator confirms the details and gives an estimated arrival time.

4. Instructions

- **Student A (Customer):** You need to book a taxi to get to a specific location. Call the taxi service, give them your pick-up location, and ask about the cost. Confirm the details with the operator and make sure the taxi is on its way.
- **Student B (Taxi Operator):** You work for a taxi service and receive a call from a customer who needs a ride. Ask for the necessary details, such as the pick-up location and destination, and provide the estimated time of arrival and cost of the ride. Be polite and helpful throughout the conversation.

5. Vocabulary List

- Taxi, pick-up, destination, cost, credit card, operator, appointment, book, ride, traffic.