

Electric Vehicles: Fight Against Pollution

Task 1: You will hear a BB Learning English radio podcast about electric rickshaws.¹ Listen to the conversation and complete the grid below. Be careful. one word is not enough. (You will have 30 seconds after the first listening and 90 seconds after the second listening.)

- 1 In some parts of the world, switching to electric vehicles has become a significant success in fighting _____
- 2 Over half of two- and three-wheelers in India are _____
- 3 In India more than three quarters of electricity is _____
- 4 Two and three-wheelers are so appealing in India because they are
 - convenient
 - accessible
 - _____
 - efficient

as there is a lack of

 - _____
- 5 Petrol cars in Delhi are responsible for smog, which poses a serious _____
- 6 In winter, air pollution sometimes gets so bad that _____
- 7 To improve Delhi's air quality the Indian government wants _____ by 2030.
- 8 To achieve this goal the Indian government has put up _____

Task 2: Use the word given in capitals at the end of some of the lines to **form a word of the same word family** that fits in the space in the same line. There is one example (0) at the beginning.

Electric Vehicles Drive Change in India²

- 0 Electric vehicles (EVs) are making*transportation*..... around the TRANSPORT world greener. Despite the high cost of EVs, even in countries with
- 1 high _____ rates, people are switching to vehicles POOR

¹ 6 Minute English, "E-rickshaws driving away pollution," Intermediate level, Episode 240606, BBC Learning English, June 6, 2024, https://www.bbc.co.uk/learningenglish/english/features/6-minute-english_2024/ep-240606.

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2 powered by _____ In India, for example, small vehicles ELECTRIC
 such as motorbikes, scooters and rickshaws are now electric. This is
 because electric two- and three-wheelers are convenient in places
 3 without sufficient and _____ public transport. They are FREQUENCY
 4 easily accessible and very _____. For lower-income EFFICIENCY
 5 households, _____ is another important factor. AFFORD
 In cities like Delhi, where smog has created a serious
 6 _____ risk, electric scooters and e-rickshaws help reduce HEALTHY
 7 the severe air _____ problem created by petrol cars. It is POLLUTE
 8 children who are most affected by the toxic and _____ HEALTHY
 9 atmosphere. To _____ this problem, the Indian SOLUTION
 10 government has _____ over \$ 1 billion to make their roads INVESTMENT
 greener and the air in cities cleaner.

Task 3: Please **compare** the situations shown in the pictures below. (Approx. 1 minute)



Task 4: Talk about the questions below.

- How many electric vehicles do you have in your family or household?
- What were the reasons for switching to EVs?
- Do you have a sufficient, high quality, frequent public transport infrastructure where you live?
- Have you ever used an e-bike or e-scooter to get around in a town or city? If so, what was your experience?
- What's the air quality where you live?
- What could be the positive and negative effects of more people switching to EVs?

Task 5 – Guided Writing: You have recently bought an **e-bike**. A reminder from the e-bike company to write an online review has popped up in your email.

Write an online review and include the following points:

- Reasons for switching from a normal to an e-bike.
- Positive experiences with the new e-bike.
- One problem you had with the e-bike and how you tried to solve it.
- Your advice to potential buyers.

Write about 200 words.

How to Write an Online Review

[Introduction: State what you are reviewing.] *I recently bought [What?] from [Where? Company?], and here is my experience.*

[Give background on why you bought the product or service.] *I bought the e-bike because*

[Describe positive aspects such as design, performance, and features.] *One amazing feature of my new e-bike is But I also like Moreover, it has*

[Mention any problems.] *The only problem I had was*

[Give tips or advice to potential buyers.] *If you are thinking about getting, make sure that*

[Ending / Conclusion: Summarize your overall impression and give a recommendation.] *Overall, I am very happy with and would recommend*