

TAXI RIDE. TRANSCRIPT

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

Driver: Where to?

Passenger: Well, I'm going to the National Museum of Art, and

Driver: Sure. Hop in. No problem. Hang on!

Passenger: Uh, excuse me. How long does it take to get there?

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

Passenger: Oh

Driver: And I'm not average. I have driving down to an art, so we should be able to cruise through traffic and get there in less than twelve minutes.

Passenger: Okay. Uh, sorry for asking

Driver: Yeah

but do you have any idea how much the fare will be?

Driver: Oh, it shouldn't be more than 18 dollars . . . not including a . . . uh-hum . . . a tip of course.

Passenger: Oh, and by the way, do you know what time the museum closes?

Driver: Well, I would guess around 6:00 O'clock.

Passenger: Uh, do you have the time?

Driver: Yeah. It's half past four. Thanks. Uh, this IS your first time to the city, right?

Passenger: Yeah. How did you know?

Driver: Well, you can tell tourists a mile away in this city because they walk down the street looking straight up at the skyscrapers.

Passenger: Was it that obvious?

Driver: Well . . .

Passenger: Oh, before I forget, can you recommend any good restaurants downtown that offer meals at a reasonable price?

Driver: Umm . . . Well, the Mexican restaurant, La Fajita, is fantastic.

Passenger: Oh

Driver: It's not as inexpensive as other places I know, but the decor is very authentic,

Passenger: Okay

Driver: and the portions are larger than most places I've been to.

Passenger: Sounds great! How do I get there from the museum?

Driver: Well, you can catch the subway right outside the museum. There are buses that run that way, but you would have to transfer a couple of times. And there are taxis too, but they don't run by the museum that often.

Passenger: Okay. Thanks.

VOCABULARY

authentic (adjective) - real, not counterfeited

cruise (verb) - to drive at a moderate speed, often leisurely or aimlessly

decor (noun) - the indoor furnishings of a building or home

down to an art (verb) - to learn something very well

fantastic (adjective) - super, wonderful, unbelievably great

offer (verb) - to provide

portions (noun) - an individual amount of food

pull over (verb) - to stop a vehicle to the side of the road

reasonable (adjective) - fair, not excessive or severe

skyscrapers (noun) - very tall city buildings

QUESTIONS

1. Where is the man going?

- a) to a movie theater
- b) to a musical
- c) to a museum

2. How long will it take to get to his destination?

- a) under 5 minutes
- b) under 8 minutes
- c) under 12 minutes

3. What time does the place in Question 1 close?

- a) at 6:30
- b) at 5:00
- c) at 6:00

4. How much will the fare be for the taxi ride, not including a tip?

- a) between ten and fifteen dollars
- b) between fifteen and twenty dollars
- c) between five and ten dollars

5. Where is the man going later downtown?

- a) to a party
- b) to a play
- c) to a restaurant