

Uber

Gap fill

Listen to the story and fill in the blanks.

Do you need a _____? Instead of a taxi, try Uber. It's the app that _____ people and car drivers. It's also a _____ company.

The history of Uber starts in Paris in _____. Garret Camp and Travis Kalanick were trying to get a cab. They _____ a long time. That's when they had an idea: _____ an app to help people get rides.

Two years later, Uber was _____ in a few cities. Today, it's available in _____ countries and 500 cities.

How does Uber work? Customers create an _____ with a credit card and download the app. Drivers need to _____ lots of information, like a police _____, before they can register.

When _____ want a ride, they open the app and enter the _____ location. The app measures trip _____ and travel time. The fee is charged to the customer's credit card and money is _____ to the driver's account. Uber keeps _____ %.

The cost of a trip can vary. Pay _____ if you want a ride in a Benz. Trips in a simple four-door car cost less. The _____ people pay also depends on _____ of day. During busy times, like Friday afternoons, prices can _____ a lot.

Helping people get a ride is just the _____. Uber is experimenting with new _____ systems. For example, there's an app to get food _____ to your house in a few cities.

In six years, Uber went from an idea to a \$60 _____ company. Each day, 5 million people get a ride with Uber _____ in the world. And it all started with two guys who had a hard time _____ a taxi.

Synonym match

Match the words or phrases.

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| 1. connect | a. retain |
| 2. register | b. link |
| 3. available | c. fluctuate |
| 4. keep | d. enrol |
| 5. vary | e. accessible |

True or false

Choose the correct answer.

1. Five million people use Uber every year. T or F
2. Uber takes a 15% commission from the driver. T or F
3. Pay less during peak periods. T or F
4. Uber is available in 500 countries. T or F
5. Customers need a credit card. T or F

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Anagrams

Move letters. Make a new word.

NLLBIIO

OOINLTAC

EOVEPLD

DSPNDEE

NOCUTCA

DLYVREEI

ESL discussion questions

Talk about the story

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1. Have you ever used Uber? What was the experience like?
 2. What problem launched the Uber idea?
 3. Compare and contrast taxi and Uber rides.
 4. Why did it take two years to get Uber started?
 5. Why does Uber charge more during busy times?
 6. Do you think Uber drivers make a good living?
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Writing practice

Put the words in the correct order.

1. credit / an / create / app / and / card / with / download / a / the / Customers / account
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2. the / app / people / that / car / connects / and / It's / drivers
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3. with / somewhere / day / people / Uber / get / Each / world / a / 5 / million / the / ride / in
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4. The / measures / travel / time / app / trip / distance / and
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5. on / The / also / amount / depends / of / time / day / people / pay
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