

### 3 Taking a Taxi

London taxis carry meters indicating the fare to be paid. Drivers must charge the metered fare for all journeys within the London police districts, regardless of duration and distance, and including journeys to and from London Airport (Heathrow). Taxi drivers expect to be tipped for all journeys.

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| <b>A</b> | The American Embassy, please. I have to be there by 11.10. | Do you think you can get me to Victoria by half past?    | Piccadilly, please. I have an appointment at 10.30.                   | Paddington, please. I want to catch the 11.15.            |
| <b>B</b> | I can't promise, but I'll do my best.                      | We should be OK if the lights are with us.               | I think we can make it <sup>1</sup> if we get a move on. <sup>2</sup> | We'll be all right if there are no hold-ups. <sup>1</sup> |
| <b>B</b> | You're just in time. £6.30, please.                        | You've still got five minutes to spare. £6.40, please.   | Here we are, sir. £6.35, please.                                      | This is it, sir. £6.50, please.                           |
| <b>A</b> | Thanks a lot. Here's £7. You can keep the change.          | Thanks very much indeed. Here's £10, give me £3, please. | Many thanks. Let's call it £7.  | Thank you. Here's the fare, and this is for you.          |



<sup>1</sup> make it: get there in time  
<sup>2</sup> get a move on: hurry

<sup>1</sup> hold-ups: delays