

what are the tangible⁷³ benefits of trading your traditional pushbike⁷⁴ for⁷⁵ an electric?

The electric advantage⁷⁶

While you might assume⁷⁷ that going electric is a pretext⁷⁸ for laziness, its advocates⁷⁹ argue that⁸⁰ it is quite the opposite⁸¹. We all know that cycling is a great way to get in shape⁸², but for those who are out of condition⁸³, it might be, or least be perceived as⁸⁴, too demanding⁸⁵. E-bikes are a way for less fit people to make the transition to⁸⁶ a healthier lifestyle as it is possible to switch between pedal-powered and motor-assisted modes.

Higher-powered models with motors of 750 watts can run for up to 75 miles on a single charge. However, it is unlikely they will be used for intercity travel, but rather the urban commute⁸⁷. They are ideal for beating the rush-hour traffic⁸⁸, picking up a bit of shopping on the way⁸⁹ home, and, it goes without saying⁹⁰, they are better than cars that are pumping fumes⁹¹ into the air. If, as some futurologists anticipate⁹², electric vehicles will eventually move away from lithium-ion⁹³ batteries to rare earth⁹⁴ or organic graphene⁹⁵-based batteries, e-bikes are likely to follow suit⁹⁶. This may assuage

the concerns⁹⁷ of people who worry about just how eco-friendly⁹⁸ electric vehicles really are, when taking into account⁹⁹ all aspects. They certainly cost a deal less than¹⁰⁰ an electric car, but on the other hand, are around double the price of¹⁰¹ a traditional bicycle. Like a regular bike, but unlike an electric car, when they do run out of juice¹⁰², you won't grind to a halt¹⁰³ but can carry on pedalling.

Watch this space¹⁰⁴

In June 2018, Business English Magazine predicted that the electric scooter would become a commonplace¹⁰⁵ sight on the streets of cities in an article entitled¹⁰⁶ *Street Invasion*. Fanciful¹⁰⁷ as it may have seen at the time, that has now become a reality. Don't be surprised then if, within the next three years, trendy, must-have¹⁰⁸ e-bikes sit alongside scooters and become part of the urban transportation rental¹⁰⁹ market. There has never been a better time to¹¹⁰ get on two wheels and buzz around¹¹¹ the city without busting a gut¹¹². ■



⁷³ tangible 'tændʒəbl konkretny, namacalny

⁷⁴ pushbike 'pʊʃbaɪk rower (arch., UK)

⁷⁵ to trade sth in for sth tə treɪd 'sʌmθɪŋ ɪn fə(r) 'sʌmθɪŋ wymienić coś na coś

⁷⁶ advantage əd'vɑːntɪdʒ przewaga, korzyść

⁷⁷ to assume tu ə'sjuːm założyć, przyjąć

⁷⁸ pretext 'prɪtekst pretekst, powód

⁷⁹ advocate 'ædvəkeɪt orędownik (za czymś), zwolennik (czegoś)

⁸⁰ to argue that... tu 'ɑːɡjuː ðæt przekonywać, że...

⁸¹ sth is quite the opposite 'sʌmθɪŋ ɪz kwaɪt ðɪ 'ɒpəzɪt coś jest wręcz przeciwnie/przeciwnie

⁸² to get in shape tə get ɪn ʃeɪp nabrać formy, wrócić do formy

⁸³ out of condition aʊt əv kən'dɪʃn w złej/słabej formie

⁸⁴ to perceive sth as sth tə pə'siːv 'sʌmθɪŋ əz 'sʌmθɪŋ postrzegać coś jako coś

⁸⁵ demanding dɪ'mændɪŋ wymagający

⁸⁶ transition to sth trænzɪʃn tə 'sʌmθɪŋ przejść na coś, przerzucić się na coś

⁸⁷ commute kə'mjuːt dojazd (do pracy)

⁸⁸ rush-hour traffic rʌʃ 'aʊə(r) 'træfɪk ruch w godzinach szczytu

⁸⁹ on the way somewhere ɒn ðə 'weɪ 'sʌmwheə(r) po drodze dokądś

⁹⁰ it goes without saying,... ɪt ɡəʊz wɪð'aʊt 'seɪɪŋ rozumie się samo przez się, że...

⁹¹ fumes fjuːmz spaliny, opary

⁹² to anticipate tu æn'tɪspeɪt przewidywać

⁹³ lithium-ion 'lɪθɪəm 'aɪən litowo-jonowy

⁹⁴ rare earth(s) rɪə 3:θs (metale) ziem rzadkich

⁹⁵ graphene 'ɡrafiːn grafen

⁹⁶ to follow suit tə 'fɒləʊ suːt nastąpić po czymś, podążać za czymś

⁹⁷ to assuage sb's concerns tu ə'sweɪdʒ 'sʌmbædʒ kən'sɜːnz uspokoić kogoś (ktoś ma obawy)

⁹⁸ eco-friendly ɪˈkəʊ'frendli przyjazny środowisku

⁹⁹ to take sth into account tə teɪk 'sʌmθɪŋ 'ɪntu ə'kaʊnt brać coś pod uwagę

¹⁰⁰ a (great) deal X than sth ə 'ɡreɪt diːl ðən 'sʌmθɪŋ o wiele więcej/bardziej X niż coś

¹⁰¹ double the price of X 'dʌbl ðə praɪs əv dwukrotnie droższy od X

¹⁰² to run out of juice tə rʌn 'aʊt əv dʒuːs skończyć się (o paliwie lub energii w baterii, akumulatorze itp.)

¹⁰³ to grind to a halt tə graɪnd tu ə hɔːlt gwałtownie się zatrzymać, zahamować

¹⁰⁴ watch this space! wɒtʃ ðɪs speɪs warto mieć to na uwadze!, w przyszłości będzie tu coś ciekawego!

¹⁰⁵ commonplace 'kɒmənpleɪs typowy, powszechny

¹⁰⁶ entitled ɪn'taɪtld zatytułowany

¹⁰⁷ fanciful 'fænsɪfl wymyślny, fantazyjny

¹⁰⁸ must-have mʌst hæv który koniecznie trzeba mieć, obowiązkowy (pot., tylko przed rzeczownikiem)

¹⁰⁹ rental 'rentl wynajem

¹¹⁰ there has never been a better time to do sth... ðə hæz 'nevə(r) biːn ə 'betə(r) 'taɪm tə du 'sʌmθɪŋ teraz jest najlepszy moment na zrobienie czegoś

¹¹¹ to buzz around sth tə bʌz ə'raʊnd 'sʌmθɪŋ latać wokół czegoś/po czymś

¹¹² to bust a gut tə bʌst ə ɡʌt wychodzić z siebie (by coś zrobić)