

For Teacher: After the student reads the instructions, help the student generate ideas and write an outline before writing an essay as described in the instructions. Correct any spelling, grammar or punctuation mistakes.

4[A] – Hi Nao

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Dear Nao,

How are you? I'd like to ask you some questions for an essay I'm doing on transportation.

In Australia, the price of gasoline is very high now. That's a problem because most people need cars to get to work every day. Do most people in Japan rely on cars, too?

My town has introduced a bus that runs on solar energy. Do you think such vehicles will become popular in the future?

The other day, my sister got her driver's license. She's only 16. In your opinion, do you think 16 is too young for people to get a driver's license?

I look forward to your answers.

Dan

***Read the message**

***Imagine you are Nao. Write an appropriate response to Dan in your notebook.**

EXAMPLE

Dear Dan,

Nice to hear from you. Let me answer your questions.

Gas is expensive in Japan, too. In large cities, many people rely on the train system because it is quite efficient and convenient. As a result, the higher gas prices do not affect those people as much.

I'm not sure about solar vehicles, but with rising fuel prices, hybrid cars that run on electricity and gasoline are becoming popular. Unfortunately, such cars are still too expensive for many people to buy.

I think 16 is too young to get a driver's license. Most teenagers are not mature enough to understand the responsibilities of driving a car until they reach university age.

Take care.

Nao