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The story

Owners of the most polluting cars will have to pay an extra £10 to drive in central London from today.

The T-charge, or toxicity charge, will apply to older diesel and petrol vehicles in what's been described as the toughest emission standard of any world-ranking city.

It'll be levied on top of the congestion charge. Some health charities have welcomed the move, others say it doesn't go far enough.

Vocabulary

curb

control or limit something

template

something copied to produce similar items

exempt

excused from following a rule

Language challenge

The T-charge, a tax to combat air pollution, has been launched in London. The 'T' stands for toxicity – the noun form of toxic, meaning poisonous. Which of these does NOT also mean toxic?

- a) benign
- b) noxious
- c) venomous

Answer

a) benign