

JAM BUSTING?

"Jam busting" is a service in some Chinese cities where two people arrive on a motorcycle to help a driver stuck in traffic. One person takes the driver on the motorcycle to their destination, while the other person takes over the driver's car and continues through the traffic to the agreed-upon drop-off point. It's a creative solution to severely congested traffic that allows the driver to get to their destination quickly, but it requires a high degree of trust.

How it works

- Service is called: A driver who is stuck in a traffic jam contacts the service.
- Team arrives: Two people on a single motorcycle arrive at the driver's location.
- The switch: The driver switches places with one of the service workers. The driver gets on the back of the motorcycle, and the service worker gets into the driver's car.
- The split: The service worker drives the car through the traffic, while the other service worker drives the driver on the motorcycle to their destination.

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QUESTIONS:

1. What problem is the jam-busting service designed to solve?
2. How many workers arrive to help the driver, and what vehicle do they use?
3. What happens when the jam-busting team reaches the driver's location?
4. Who drives the motorcycle, and who drives the car after the switch?
5. Why does this service require a high level of trust from the driver?
6. What advantage does the driver get by switching to a motorcycle?
7. Where is the driver's car taken while the driver is transported?
8. Why might this service be especially useful during rush hour?
9. What could be a potential risk of using such a service?
10. Would a similar service work in your city? Why or why not?





