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Electric-car battery charges in five minutes

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THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2101/210124-car-battery.html>

Car makers are spending a lot of money on electric cars. In the future, electric cars will replace petrol cars. Environmentalists believe this will reduce the amount of CO2 put into the atmosphere. A big problem for electric cars is charging the battery. Some batteries in today's electric cars can take up to 12 hours to charge fully. However, a company in Israel says it has created a lithium-ion battery that people can charge in just five minutes. This is the same amount of time it takes to fill a tank of gas with petrol. The new lithium-ion batteries were developed by the Israeli company StoreDot. They are being manufactured by a Chinese company called Eve Energy.

The new batteries could totally transform driving. They would mean electric cars would be able to travel as far as petrol cars. Many people with electric cars today suffer from "range anxiety". This is stress caused by worrying about the battery running out of electricity. A StoreDot spokesperson said: "You're either afraid that you're going to get stuck on the highway, or that you're going to need to sit in a charging station for two hours." The new batteries would end this anxiety. A StoreDot spokesperson said: "We're at the point of achieving a revolution in the electric vehicle charging experience". He said it means the switch from petrol to electric cars will happen much faster.

NOTE: U.S. English = "gas" / U.K. English = "petrol"

Sources: <https://www.businessinsider.com/fast-charging-electric-car-battery-5-minutes-2021-1>
<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2021/jan/19/electric-car-batteries-race-ahead-with-five-minute-charging-times>
<https://www.timesofisrael.com/revving-up-electric-car-industry-israeli-firm-develops-5-minute-charge-battery/>

WARM-UPS

1. CAR BATTERIES: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about car batteries. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

car makers / electric cars / atmosphere / battery / charge / time / petrol / company / transform / travel / anxiety / electricity / highway / spokesperson / revolution / switch

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. ELECTRIC CARS: Students A **strongly** believe electric cars are better than petrol cars; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. THE FUTURE: What will the future of these things look like? Will it be good or bad? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	The Future	Good Things	Bad Things
Cars			
The Internet			
English			
Healthcare			
Clothes			
Food			

5. BATTERY: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "battery". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. CARS: Rank these with your partner. Put the most important thing about cars at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Safety
- Speed
- Colour
- Fuel efficiency
- Performance
- Price
- Comfort
- Looks

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|-----------------|--|
| 1. replace | a. Make smaller or less in amount, degree, or size. |
| 2. reduce | b. Completely or in total. |
| 3. atmosphere | c. Made something on a large scale using robots and machinery. |
| 4. fully | d. The layer of gases surrounding the earth or another planet. |
| 5. tank | e. Made something new and made it better. |
| 6. developed | f. Change one thing for another thing. |
| 7. manufactured | g. A large container for putting in liquid or gas. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|----------------|---|
| 8. transform | h. Experience or have something bad or unpleasant. |
| 9. suffer | i. The area covered by or included in something. |
| 10. range | j. Contact with something or doing something to remember. |
| 11. anxiety | k. Be in a particular position without being able to move or get away. |
| 12. stuck | l. A feeling of worry, nervousness, or unease, because of a future event or something that may or may not happen. |
| 13. revolution | m. Made a total and big change in the form, appearance, or character of. |
| 14. experience | n. A big change in the way something works or is organized or in people's ideas about it. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2101/210124-car-battery.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- a. Car makers are spending very little money on electric cars. **T / F**
- b. Some electric-car batteries take 12 hours to charge. **T / F**
- c. A company in Israel developed a lithium-steel battery. **T / F**
- d. The new battery is being made in China. **T / F**
- e. The article says electric cars will be able to go farther than petrol cars. **T / F**
- f. "Range anxiety" is worrying about getting stuck on a road somewhere. **T / F**
- g. The battery company said a revolution is coming with charging. **T / F**
- h. The company said the switch to electric cars will be very slow. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- | | |
|------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. replace | a. only |
| 2. problem | b. worry |
| 3. just | c. made |
| 4. developed | d. change |
| 5. manufactured | e. time |
| 6. transform | f. take over from |
| 7. anxiety | g. invented |
| 8. afraid | h. occur |
| 9. point | i. difficulty |
| 10. happen | j. scared |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Car makers are spending | a. on the highway |
| 2. electric cars will | b. of CO2 |
| 3. reduce the amount | c. as petrol cars |
| 4. take up to | d. of gas |
| 5. fill a tank | e. to electric cars |
| 6. travel as far | f. a lot of money |
| 7. range | g. revolution |
| 8. you're going to get stuck | h. 12 hours to charge |
| 9. at the point of achieving a | i. replace petrol cars |
| 10. the switch from petrol | j. anxiety |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2101/210124-car-battery.html>

Car makers are (1) _____ a lot of money on electric cars. In the future, electric cars will (2) _____ petrol cars. Environmentalists believe this will reduce the (3) _____ of CO2 put into the atmosphere. A big problem for electric cars is (4) _____ the battery. Some batteries in today's electric cars can take up to 12 hours to charge (5) _____. However, a company in Israel says it has created a lithium-ion battery that people can charge in (6) _____ five minutes. This is the same amount of time it takes to fill a (7) _____ of gas with petrol. The new lithium-ion batteries were developed by the Israeli company StoreDot. They are being (8) _____ by a Chinese company called Eve Energy.

amount

fully

manufactured

spending

tank

replace

just

charging

The new batteries could (9) _____ transform driving. They would mean electric cars would be able to travel as far as petrol cars. Many people with electric cars today (10) _____ from "range anxiety". This is stress caused by worrying about the battery (11) _____ out of electricity. A StoreDot spokesperson said: "You're either afraid that you're going to get (12) _____ on the highway, or that you're going to need to sit in a charging (13) _____ for two hours." The new batteries would end this anxiety. A StoreDot spokesperson said: "We're at the (14) _____ of achieving a revolution in the electric vehicle charging experience". He said it means the (15) _____ from petrol to electric cars will happen much (16) _____.

switch

stuck

suffer

point

totally

running

faster

station

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2101/210124-car-battery.html>

- 1) In the future, electric cars will _____
 - a. replaces petrol cars
 - b. replaced petrol cars
 - c. replace petrol cars
 - d. replacement petrol cars
- 2) Some batteries in today's electric cars can take up to 12 hours _____
 - a. to charge full
 - b. to charges fully
 - c. to charge full
 - d. to charge fully
- 3) created a lithium-ion battery that people can charge in _____
 - a. just five minutes
 - b. adjust five minutes
 - c. justly five minutes
 - d. justice five minutes
- 4) This is the same amount of time it takes to fill a _____
 - a. dank of gas
 - b. rank of gas
 - c. tank of gas
 - d. bank of gas
- 5) They are being manufactured by a Chinese company _____
 - a. call Eve Energy
 - b. called Eve Energy
 - c. calls Eve Energy
 - d. calling Eve Energy
- 6) The new batteries could totally _____
 - a. trains form driving
 - b. trans firm driving
 - c. transform driving
 - d. transfer driving
- 7) They would mean electric cars would be able to travel _____ petrol cars
 - a. as far as
 - b. as for as
 - c. as fur as
 - d. as fir as
- 8) This is stress caused by worrying about the battery running _____
 - a. out of electrical
 - b. out of electrician
 - c. out of electrics
 - d. out of electricity
- 9) The new batteries would _____
 - a. end this anxious
 - b. end this auxiliary
 - c. end this and deity
 - d. end this anxiety
- 10) He said it means the switch from petrol to electric cars will _____
 - a. happen many faster
 - b. happen much faster
 - c. happen more faster
 - d. happen most faster

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2101/210124-car-battery.html>

Car makers are spending a lot (1) _____ electric cars. In the future, electric cars will replace petrol cars. Environmentalists believe this will reduce (2) _____ CO2 put into the atmosphere. A big problem for electric cars is charging the battery. Some batteries in today's electric cars can (3) _____ 12 hours to charge fully. However, a company in Israel says it has created a lithium-ion battery that people (4) _____ just five minutes. This is the same amount of time it takes to fill (5) _____ gas with petrol. The new lithium-ion batteries were developed by the Israeli company StoreDot. (6) _____ manufactured by a Chinese company called Eve Energy.

The new batteries (7) _____ driving. They would mean electric cars would (8) _____ travel as far as petrol cars. Many people with electric cars today suffer from "range anxiety". This is stress caused by worrying about the battery (9) _____ electricity. A StoreDot spokesperson said: "You're either afraid that you're going to get stuck on the highway, or that you're (10) _____ to sit in a charging station for two hours." The new batteries would end this anxiety. A StoreDot spokesperson said: "We're (11) _____ of achieving a revolution in the electric vehicle charging experience". He said it (12) _____ from petrol to electric cars will happen much faster.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2101/210124-car-battery.html>

1. How much money are car makers spending?
2. What will be reduced in the environment?
3. How long can some batteries take to charge?
4. In which country is the company that created the new battery?
5. Where is the new battery being made?
6. What does the article say the new battery will transform?
7. What do many electric-car drivers suffer from?
8. Where are people worrying about being stuck?
9. What did a company say we are at the point of achieving?
10. What did the company say might happen much faster?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2101/210124-car-battery.html>

- 1) How much money are car makers spending?
 - a) not much
 - b) amazing amounts
 - c) billions
 - d) a lot
- 2) What will be reduced in the environment?
 - a) NO₂
 - b) CO₂
 - c) H₂O
 - d) O₂
- 3) How long can some batteries take to charge?
 - a) 48 hours
 - b) 24 hours
 - c) 12 hours
 - d) 6 hours
- 4) In which country is the company that created the new battery?
 - a) Israel
 - b) China
 - c) the UK
 - d) Peru
- 5) Where is the new battery being made?
 - a) the UK
 - b) Peru
 - c) China
 - d) Israel
- 6) What does the article say the new battery will transform?
 - a) life
 - b) driving
 - c) petrol
 - d) the environment
- 7) What do many electric-car drivers suffer from?
 - a) a fear of speed
 - b) nerves
 - c) headaches
 - d) range anxiety
- 8) Where are people worrying about being stuck?
 - a) on a highway
 - b) at home
 - c) at a gas station
 - d) in the countryside
- 9) What did a company say we are at the point of achieving?
 - a) zero-emission cars
 - b) a sustainable car
 - c) a revolution
 - d) a safe car
- 10) What did the company say might happen much faster?
 - a) the end of petrol
 - b) the switch to electric cars
 - c) global warming
 - d) climate change

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Looks

You think looks is the most important thing in a car. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): safety, performance or comfort.

Role B – Safety

You think safety is the most important thing in a car. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): looks, performance or comfort.

Role C – Performance

You think performance is the most important thing in a car. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): safety, looks or comfort.

Role D – Comfort

You think comfort is the most important thing in a car. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): safety, performance or looks.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2101/210124-car-battery.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'car' and 'battery'.

car	battery
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• spending• reduce• problem• charge• fill• developed	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• totally• suffer• either• need• point• switch
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CAR BATTERIES SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about car batteries in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.

When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

CAR BATTERIES DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'car'?
3. What do you think of electric cars?
4. In what ways are electric cars better than petrol cars?
5. How bad are petrol cars for the environment?
6. What do you think of charging electric-car batteries?
7. Would you prefer an electric or petrol car?
8. What do you know about batteries?
9. How much CO2 does charging the batteries create?
10. Should we use public transport instead of cars?

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CAR BATTERIES DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'battery'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What do you think of petrol cars?
15. In what ways are petrol cars better than electric cars?
16. How would the new battery transform driving?
17. Would you worry about running out of petrol?
18. How might the new battery change driving?
19. What gives you anxiety?
20. What questions would you like to ask the battery maker?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2101/210124-car-battery.html>

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The new batteries could (7) _____ transform driving. They would mean electric cars would be able to travel as far as petrol cars. Many people with electric cars today suffer from "range anxiety". This (8) _____ stress caused by worrying about the battery running out of electricity. A StoreDot spokesperson said: "You're either (9) _____ that you're going to get stuck on the highway, or that you're going to need to sit in a charging station for two hours." The new batteries would end (10) _____ anxiety. A StoreDot spokesperson said: "We're at the (11) _____ of achieving a revolution in the electric vehicle charging experience". He said it means the switch from petrol to electric cars will happen much (12) _____.

Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|--------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| 1. | (a) spending | (b) spent | (c) spends | (d) spender |
| 2. | (a) deuce | (b) deduce | (c) reduce | (d) induce |
| 3. | (a) are | (b) is | (c) will | (d) be |
| 4. | (a) creating | (b) creation | (c) creates | (d) created |
| 5. | (a) tank | (b) cup | (c) box | (d) carton |
| 6. | (a) be | (b) being | (c) been | (d) be in |
| 7. | (a) totals | (b) totality | (c) total | (d) totally |
| 8. | (a) has | (b) is | (c) be | (d) have |
| 9. | (a) fright | (b) scary | (c) afraid | (d) petrify |
| 10. | (a) these | (b) how | (c) what | (d) this |
| 11. | (a) stand | (b) step | (c) rim | (d) point |
| 12. | (a) fast | (b) faster | (c) fasten | (d) fasts |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. electric cars will plaeecr petrol cars
2. this will urcdee the amount of CO2
3. take up to 12 hours to charge uyllf
4. the same uaotnm of time
5. dveepldoe by the Israeli company
6. fuaruaetndmc by a Chinese company

Paragraph 2

7. totally snatrfrom driving
8. people with electric cars today fuesrf
9. range xtaneyi
10. sit in a charging oisatnt for two hours
11. at the point of achieving a vurooitlne
12. the electric vehicle charging rcxeeenepi

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2101/210124-car-battery.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () The new batteries could totally transform driving. They would mean electric cars would be able to travel as
- () experience". He said it means the switch from petrol to electric cars will happen much faster.
- () to 12 hours to charge fully. However, a company in Israel says it has created a lithium-ion battery
- () afraid that you're going to get stuck on the highway, or that you're going to need to sit in
- () that people can charge in just five minutes. This is the same amount of time it
- () far as petrol cars. Many people with electric cars today suffer from "range anxiety". This is stress caused
- (**1**) Car makers are spending a lot of money on electric cars. In the future, electric cars will
- () by worrying about the battery running out of electricity. A StoreDot spokesperson said: "You're either
- () the Israeli company StoreDot. They are being manufactured by a Chinese company called Eve Energy.
- () spokesperson said: "We're at the point of achieving a revolution in the electric vehicle charging
- () takes to fill a tank of gas with petrol. The new lithium-ion batteries were developed by
- () replace petrol cars. Environmentalists believe this will reduce the amount of CO2 put into the
- () a charging station for two hours." The new batteries would end this anxiety. A StoreDot
- () atmosphere. A big problem for electric cars is charging the battery. Some batteries in today's electric cars can take up

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2101/210124-car-battery.html>

1. money lot Spending cars . of on electric a
2. up Take hours to charge to 12 fully .
3. is of the same amount time . This
4. tank Fill a with gas petrol . of
5. are by manufactured being They Chinese a company .
6. batteries driving . The new could totally transform
7. with People from cars range suffer electric anxiety .
8. the about electricity . battery running of Worrying out
9. a in two Sit charging for hours . station
10. experience . electric in the revolution charging vehicle A

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2101/210124-car-battery.html>

Car makers are *spent* / *spending* a lot of money on electric cars. In the future, electric cars *will* / *be* replace petrol cars. Environmentalists *belief* / *believe* this will reduce the amount *by* / *of* CO2 put into the atmosphere. A big problem for electric cars is *charger* / *charging* the battery. Some batteries in *today's* / *today* electric cars can take up to 12 hours to charge fully. However, a company in Israel says it *has* / *does* created a lithium-ion battery that people can charge in just five minutes. This is the same amount of *time* / *hours* it takes to fill a tank of gas with petrol. The new lithium-ion batteries were *enveloped* / *developed* by the Israeli company StoreDot. They are being manufactured by a Chinese company *name* / *called* Eve Energy.

The new batteries could *total* / *totally* transform driving. They would mean electric cars would be able to travel *was* / *as* far as petrol cars. Many people with electric cars today *buffer* / *suffer* from "range anxiety". This is stress caused by worrying about the battery running *in* / *out* of electricity. A StoreDot spokesperson said: "You're either *afraid* / *scary* that you're going to get stuck on the highway, or that you're going to need to *seat* / *sit* in a charging station for two hours." The new batteries would *end* / *send* this anxiety. A StoreDot spokesperson said: "We're at the *point* / *blunt* of achieving a *revolution* / *evolution* in the electric vehicle charging experience". He said it means the switch from petrol to electric cars will happen much *faster* / *fast*.

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2101/210124-car-battery.html>

C_r m_k_rs _r_ sp_nd_ng _ l_t _f m_n_y _n _l_ctr_c
c_rs. _n th_ f_t_r_, _l_ctr_c c_rs w_ll r_pl_c_ p_tr_l
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2101/210124-car-battery.html>

car makers are spending a lot of money on electric cars in the future electric cars will replace petrol cars environmentalists believe this will reduce the amount of co2 put into the atmosphere a big problem for electric cars is charging the battery some batteries in todays electric cars can take up to 12 hours to charge fully however a company in israel says it has created a lithiumion battery that people can charge in just five minutes this is the same amount of time it takes to fill a tank of gas with petrol the new lithiumion batteries were developed by the israeli company storedot they are being manufactured by a chinese company called eve energy

the new batteries could totally transform driving they would mean electric cars would be able to travel as far as petrol cars many people with electric cars today suffer from range anxiety this is stress caused by worrying about the battery running out of electricity a storedot spokesperson said youre either afraid that youre going to get stuck on the highway or that youre going to need to sit in a charging station for two hours the new batteries would end this anxiety a storedot spokesperson said were at the point of achieving a revolution in the electric vehicle charging experience he said it means the switch from petrol to electric cars will happen much faster

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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Carmakers are spending a lot of money on electric cars. In the future, electric cars will replace petrol cars. Environmentalists believe this will reduce the amount of CO2 put into the atmosphere. A big problem for electric cars is charging the battery. Some batteries in today's electric cars can take up to 12 hours to charge fully. However, a company in Israel says it has created a lithium-ion battery that people can charge in just five minutes. This is the same amount of time it takes to fill a tank of gas with petrol. The new lithium-ion batteries were developed by the Israeli company StoreDot. They are being manufactured by a Chinese company called Eve Energy. The new batteries could totally transform driving. They would mean electric cars would be able to travel as far as petrol cars. Many people with electric cars today suffer from "range anxiety". This is stress caused by worrying about the battery running out of electricity. A StoreDot spokesperson said: "You're either afraid that you're going to get stuck on the highway, or that you're going to need to sit in a charging station for two hours." The new batteries would end this anxiety. A StoreDot spokesperson said: "We're at the point of achieving a revolution in the electric vehicle charging experience". He said it means the switch from petrol to electric cars will happen much faster.

HOMWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. CAR BATTERIES: Make a poster about car batteries. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. ALL ELECTRIC: Write a magazine article about all cars being electric by the end of this decade. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on car batteries. Ask him/her three questions about car batteries. Give him/her three of your ideas. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. f 2. a 3. d 4. b 5. g 6. e 7. c
8. m 9. h 10. i 11. l 12. k 13. n 14. j

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- a F b T c F d T e F f T g T h F

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. f	2. i	3. a	4. g	5. c
6. d	7. b	8. j	9. e	10. h

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. A lot
2. CO2
3. 12 hours
4. Israel
5. China
6. Driving
7. Range anxiety
8. On a highway
9. A revolution
10. The switch to electric cars

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

1. Spending a lot of money on electric cars.
2. Take up to 12 hours to charge fully.
3. This is the same amount of time.
4. Fill a tank of gas with petrol.
5. They are being manufactured by a Chinese company.
6. The new batteries could totally transform driving.
7. People with electric cars suffer from range anxiety.
8. Worrying about the battery running out of electricity.
9. Sit in a charging station for two hours.
10. A revolution in the electric vehicle charging experience.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. d 2. b 3. c 4. a 5. c 6. b 7. d 8. a 9. c 10. b

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)