

Flying car flies from one city to another

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It's hard to keep up with technology these days. The latest example of science fiction becoming science fact is a flying car. For decades, we have watched movies about a future with flying cars. This

week, journalists saw a real one in flight. A prototype flying AirCar completed a test flight between two cities in Slovakia. The car flew between a regional airport and an airport in the capital city Bratislava. The 90km journey took 35 minutes to complete. AirCar is from a company called Klein Vision. A founder of the company said: "AirCar is no longer just a proof of concept." He added: "Flying at [2,500 metres] at a speed of [185kph], it has turned science fiction into a reality."

AirCar is a road-legal car that transforms into an aircraft in less than three minutes. AirCar CEO Professor Stefan Klein flew and landed the vehicle on its recent test flight. After landing at Bratislava Airport, he pushed one button to transform the aircraft into a sports car. He then drove it into downtown Bratislava on the city's streets. He described the flight as "normal" and "very pleasant". His company is working on a new, more powerful model called AirCar Prototype 2. This will have a much more powerful engine that is capable of a cruising speed of 300kph and a range of 1,000 kilometers. The newer model will also be a four-seater as opposed to the two-seater that was recently tested.

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Writing

Flying cars will be great for society. Discuss.

Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

keep up / technology / science fiction / movies / flying cars / airport / journey / speed / aircraft / three minutes / sports / downtown / normal / powerful / engine / two-seater

True / False

- 1) The article says it is easy to be aware of technology these days. T / F
- 2) The article says we watched movies with flying cars. T / F
- 3) The flying car took 90 minutes to make its journey. T / F
- 4) The flying car reached a height of 2,500 metres. T / F
- 5) It is not legal to drive the AirCar on the roads. T / F
- 6) It takes less than three minutes for the aircraft to change into a car. T / F
- 7) The pilot CEO drove the car into the city from the airport. T / F
- 8) A new model of the car will have two seats. T / F

Synonym Match

(The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

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| 1. latest | a. touching down |
| 2. movies | b. trip |
| 3. completed | c. version |
| 4. journey | d. evidence |
| 5. proof | e. films |
| 6. transforms | f. nice |
| 7. landing | g. trialed |
| 8. pleasant | h. most recent |
| 9. model | i. turns |
| 10. test | j. finished |

Discussion – Student A

- a) What do you think of flying cars?
- b) Would you worry about getting into a flying car?
- c) How can we stop flying cars crashing into each other?
- d) How interested are you in science fiction?
- e) When will flying cars be as common as road cars?
- f) Would you like a jet-pack so you can fly around?
- g) How might flying cars be better for cities?
- h) What three adjectives best describe this story?

Phrase Match

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| 1. It's hard to keep up with | a. a four-seater |
| 2. science fiction becoming science | b. into a reality |
| 3. movies about a future | c. into an aircraft |
| 4. a regional | d. at Bratislava Airport |
| 5. it has turned science fiction | e. fact |
| 6. a road-legal car that transforms | f. and "very pleasant" |
| 7. After landing | g. technology these days |
| 8. He described the flight as "normal" | h. speed of 300kph |
| 9. capable of a cruising | i. with flying cars |
| 10. The newer model will also be | j. airport |

Discussion – Student B

- What do you think about what you read?
- What do you think of the car becoming an airplane in three minutes?
- Where would you go if you had an AirCar?
- What kind of training might you need to fly an AirCar?
- Do you think AirCars will mean the end of airplanes?
- Do you think people should be allowed to buy AirCars?
- What do you think of the name 'AirCar'?
- What questions would you like to ask the AirCar boss?

Spelling

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Answers – Synonym Match

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6. i	7. a	8. f	9. c	10. g

Role Play

Role A – Transport

You think the most important thing for technology to improve is transport. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as important. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): health, education or energy.

Role B – Health

You think the most important thing for technology to improve is health. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as important. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): transport, education or energy.

Role C – Education

You think the most important thing for technology to improve is education. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as important. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): health, transport or energy.

Role D – Energy

You think the most important thing for technology to improve is energy. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as important. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): health, education or transport.

Speaking – Technology

Rank these with your partner. Put the most important things for technology to improve at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

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| • Transport | • Education |
| • Health | • Energy |
| • Military | • Farming |
| • Environment | • Policing |

Answers – True False

1 F	2 T	3 F	4 T	5 F	6 T	7 T	8 F
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Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.