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# Level 4 New paint to say goodbye to car washes

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## THE READING

From http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1405/140501-car-wash-4.html

The Japanese carmaker Nissan has shown off a self-cleaning paint that may mean the end of car washing. The paint repels water, oil and other dirt. It is called Ultra-Ever Dry. It uses a process called nanopatterning. This puts tiny bumps and grooves on things to stop water and oil from sticking to them. Nissan said the paint has "responded well" to many weather conditions. It added that its engineers will continue testing the paint.

Nissan said: "Washing a car can be a chore – and a costly one at that." It has no plans to use the new paint as standard on its cars, but it may be an option in the future. The paint is being tested on the Nissan Note car. Nissan said this car takes the stress out of driving. It said it is thinking of new ways to make people's lives easier." Nissan said it would continue to use cutting-edge technology for the everyday problems that customers face.

Sources: http://**nissannews**.com/en-US/nissan/usa/releases/nissan-develops-first-self-cleaning-carprototype http://www.**extremetech**.com/extreme/181370-nissans-self-cleaning-car-could-kill-off-carwashing-forever http://**mashable**.com/2014/04/25/self-cleaning-nissan-note/

# MATCHING

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#### **PARAGRAPH ONE:**

| 1. | Nissan has shown        | a. | water                     |
|----|-------------------------|----|---------------------------|
| 2  | that may mean the end   | b. | called nanopatterning     |
| 3. | The paint repels        | c. | sticking to them          |
| 4. | It uses a process       | d. | off a self-cleaning paint |
| 5. | stop water and oil from | e. | testing the paint         |
| 6. | engineers will continue | f. | of car washing            |

#### **PARAGRAPH TWO:**

| 1. | Washing a car          | a. | customers face        |
|----|------------------------|----|-----------------------|
| 2  | use the new paint as   | b. | in the future         |
| 3. | it may be an option    | c. | can be a chore        |
| 4. | takes the stress       | d. | people's lives easier |
| 5. | ways to make           | e. | standard on its cars  |
| 6. | everyday problems that | f. | out of driving        |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1405/140501-car-wash-4.html

| The Japanese carmaker Nissan has shown (1) paint           |  |  |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| that may mean the end of car washing. The (2)              |  |  |  |  |  |
| , oil and other dirt. It is called Ultra-Ever Dry. It uses |  |  |  |  |  |
| a process called nanopatterning. This (3) and              |  |  |  |  |  |
| grooves on things to stop water and oil (4) them.          |  |  |  |  |  |
| Nissan said the paint has "responded well" to many         |  |  |  |  |  |
| (5) It added that its engineers will                       |  |  |  |  |  |
| (6) paint.   |  |  |  |  |  |
| Nissan said: "Washing a car (7) – and a costly one         |  |  |  |  |  |
| at that." It has no plans to use the new paint (8)         |  |  |  |  |  |
| cars, but it may be an option in the future. The (9)       |  |  |  |  |  |
| on the Nissan Note car. Nissan said this car (10) of       |  |  |  |  |  |
| driving. It said it is thinking of new ways to make        |  |  |  |  |  |
| (11)" Nissan said it would continue to use cutting-        |  |  |  |  |  |
| edge technology for the everyday problems (12)             |  |  |  |  |  |

# **CAR WASHES SURVEY**

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

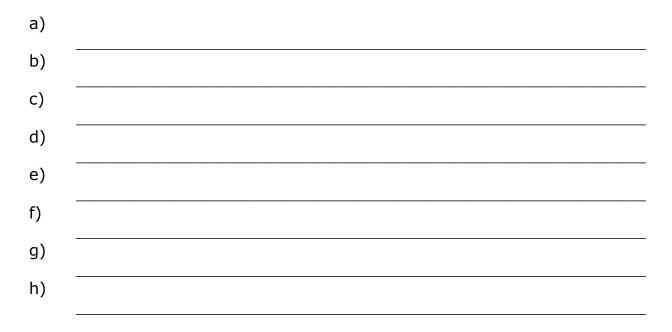
When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

|      | 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.

# WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

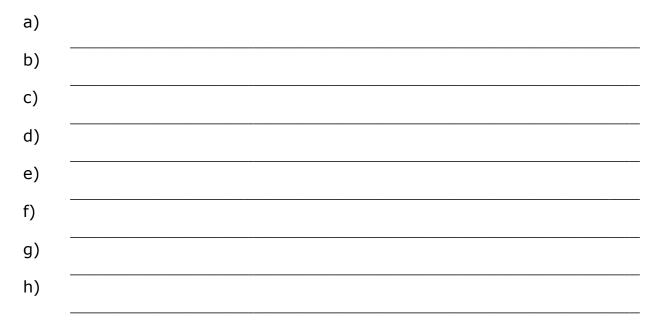


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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

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Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).



# FREE WRITING

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Write about **car washes** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.