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Level 3

Volvo will start making only all-electric cars

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THE ARTICLE

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The car company Volvo has said it will start making all-electric cars. All new cars it makes from 2019 will have an electric motor. Volvo wants to stop making cars that use only petrol-driven or diesel-driven engines. The carmaker said it plans to launch five fully electric cars between 2019 and 2021 and a range of hybrid models. A hybrid car has an engine that is both electric and petrol-driven. Volvo becomes the first major carmaker to say it will end making cars with an internal combustion engine. The internal combustion engine has been used in cars for over a century. Volvo's CEO said: "People increasingly demand electrified cars, and we want to respond to our customers' current and future needs."

More and more car companies are now selling cars with electric or hybrid engines. The US-based company Tesla makes only all-electric cars. Its stock market value is now 25 per cent higher than that of Ford Motor Company, which started in 1903. Tesla recently announced that it will make 20,000 of its Model 3 cars a month by December. Volvo hopes to sell a million electrified cars by 2025. In addition, it hopes to have changed its factories to be more environmentally friendly. It hopes to have what it calls "climate-neutral" manufacturing. Volvo said its plans will mean the company will have one of the widest ranges of electrified cars of any carmaker in the world.

Sources: <http://www.bbc.com/news/business-40505671>
<http://www.autotrader.co.uk/content/news/volvo-to-produce-all-electric-cars-from-2019>
<http://www.autoexpress.co.uk/volvo/100024/volvo-to-go-electric-with-new-range-of-evs-and-hybrid-models-from-2019>

WARM-UPS

1. ELECTRIC CARS: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about electric cars. 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 company / electric cars / electric motor / diesel / century / demand / customers
selling / stock market / higher / a million / factories / environment / climate / plans

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

3. ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY: Students A **strongly** believe electric cars are environmentally friendly; Students B **strongly** believe they aren't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. BETTER CARS: How can cars be made better? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Improvements	Why?
Shape		
Engine		
Interior		
Speed		
Fuel		
Colors		

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

6. TRANSPORT: Rank these with your partner. Put the best at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- bicycle
- car
- airplane
- bus
- train
- taxi
- drone
- helicopter

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1707/170707-electric-cars.html>

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

- a. All new Volvo cars from 2019 will have an electric motor. **T / F**
- b. Volvo will stop making all petrol-driven cars before 2019. **T / F**
- c. The internal combustion engine has been used in cars for over 100 years. **T / F**
- d. Volvo wants to respond to its customers' current and future needs. **T / F**
- e. The numbers of carmakers selling hybrid cars is increasing. **T / F**
- f. Ford's stock market value is 25% higher than Tesla's value. **T / F**
- g. Tesla will be making 200,000 cars a month by December. **T / F**
- h. Volvo has the widest range of electrified cars of any carmaker globally. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH:

Match the following synonyms. The words in **bold** are from the news article.

- | | |
|-------------------------|------------------|
| 1. making | a. reported |
| 2. makes | b. more and more |
| 3. major | c. on the planet |
| 4. increasingly | d. produces |
| 5. needs | e. aims |
| 6. value | f. manufacturing |
| 7. announced | g. ideas |
| 8. hopes | h. requirements |
| 9. plans | i. big |
| 10. in the world | j. worth |

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

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. Volvo has said it will start | a. driven engines |
| 2. All new cars it | b. friendly |
| 3. diesel- | c. and future needs |
| 4. a range of hybrid | d. more car companies |
| 5. respond to our customers' current | e. models |
| 6. More and | f. by 2025 |
| 7. Its stock | g. making all-electric cars |
| 8. sell a million electrified cars | h. ranges of electrified cars |
| 9. be more environmentally | i. market value |
| 10. one of the widest | j. makes from 2019 |

GAP FILL

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1707/170707-electric-cars.html>

The car company Volvo has said it will start (1) _____ all-electric cars. All new cars it makes from 2019 will have an electric motor. Volvo wants to stop making cars that use only petrol- (2) _____ or diesel-driven engines. The carmaker said it plans to (3) _____ five fully electric cars between 2019 and 2021 and a range of hybrid (4) _____. A hybrid car has an engine that is both electric and petrol-driven. Volvo becomes the first (5) _____ carmaker to say it will (6) _____ making cars with an internal combustion engine. The internal combustion engine has been used in cars for over a (7) _____. Volvo's CEO said: "People increasingly demand electrified cars, and we want to (8) _____ to our customers' current and future needs."

launch
end
driven
respond
models
making
century
major

More and (9) _____ car companies are now selling cars with electric or (10) _____ engines. The US-based company Tesla makes only all-electric cars. Its stock market (11) _____ is now 25 per cent higher than that of Ford Motor Company, which started in 1903. Tesla (12) _____ announced that it will make 20,000 of its Model 3 cars a month by December. Volvo hopes to sell a (13) _____ electrified cars by 2025. In addition, it hopes to have changed its factories to be more environmentally (14) _____. It hopes to have what it calls "(15) _____ -neutral" manufacturing. Volvo said its plans will mean the company will have one of the widest (16) _____ of electrified cars of any carmaker in the world.

hybrid
million
more
ranges
recently
climate
value
friendly

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) The car company Volvo has said it will start _____ cars
 - a. making all-electrical
 - b. making all-electrics
 - c. making all-electric
 - d. making all-electricity
- 2) stop making cars that use only petrol-driven or diesel-_____
 - a. driving engines
 - b. driven engines
 - c. drive on engines
 - d. drive-in engines
- 3) electric cars between 2019 and 2021 and a range of _____
 - a. hybrids models
 - b. hybrid model
 - c. hybrid models
 - d. hybrids model
- 4) the first major carmaker to say it will end making cars with an internal _____
 - a. combustible engine
 - b. combustive engine
 - c. combustion engine
 - d. combusting engine
- 5) we want to respond to our customers' current _____
 - a. on future needs
 - b. and future needs
 - c. on future needs
 - d. and futures needs
- 6) The US-_____ Tesla
 - a. biased company
 - b. based company
 - c. basted company
 - d. braised company
- 7) Tesla recently announced that it will make 20,000 of its Model 3 _____
 - a. cars all month
 - b. cars a month
 - c. cars as month
 - d. cars at month
- 8) Volvo hopes to sell a million electrified _____
 - a. cars bye 2025
 - b. cars buy 2025
 - c. cars by 2025
 - d. cars bay 2025
- 9) It hopes to have what it calls "_____" manufacturing
 - a. climate-newt troll
 - b. climate-neuter all
 - c. climate-natural
 - d. climate-neutral
- 10) Volvo said its plans will mean the company will have one of the _____
 - a. widest ranges
 - b. widest range is
 - c. widest rangers
 - d. widest rain goes

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1707/170707-electric-cars.html>

The car company Volvo has said it (1) _____ all-electric cars. All new cars it makes from 2019 will have an electric motor. Volvo wants to stop making cars (2) _____ petrol-driven or diesel-driven engines. The carmaker said it plans (3) _____ fully electric cars between 2019 and 2021 and a range of hybrid models. A hybrid car has an engine that is both electric and petrol-driven. Volvo becomes the first major carmaker (4) _____ end making cars with an internal combustion engine. The internal combustion engine has been used in cars for (5) _____. Volvo's CEO said: "People increasingly demand electrified cars, and we want to (6) _____ customers' current and future needs."

More and more car companies (7) _____ cars with electric or hybrid engines. The US-based company Tesla makes only all-electric cars. Its stock (8) _____ now 25 per cent higher than that of Ford Motor Company, which started in 1903. Tesla recently announced that it will make 20,000 of its Model 3 (9) _____ by December. Volvo hopes to sell a million electrified cars by 2025. In addition, (10) _____ changed its factories to be more environmentally friendly. It hopes to have what it calls (11) _____ manufacturing. Volvo said its plans will mean the company will have one of the (12) _____ electrified cars of any carmaker in the world.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1707/170707-electric-cars.html>

1. What will all new Volvo cars have from 2019?
2. How many fully electric cars will Volvo launch between 2019 and 2021?
3. What has an engine that is both electric and petrol-driven?
4. For how long has the internal combustion engine been used?
5. What did Volvo say it will respond to?
6. What kind of cars does Tesla make?
7. How much higher is Tesla's stock market value than Ford's value?
8. How many Model 3 cars will Tesla make each month by December?
9. How many electrified cars does Volvo hope to sell by 2025?
10. What kind of manufacturing does Volvo hope it will do?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1707/170707-electric-cars.html>

- 1) What will all new Volvo cars have from 2019?
 - a) an electric motor
 - b) six wheels
 - c) a diesel-powered engine
 - d) air bags
- 2) How many fully electric cars will Volvo launch between 2019 and 2021?
 - a) seven
 - b) six
 - c) five
 - d) four
- 3) What has an engine that is both electric and petrol-driven?
 - a) an all-electric car
 - b) a hybrid car
 - c) a bus
 - d) a motorbike
- 4) For how long has the internal combustion engine been used?
 - a) since 1966
 - b) since the 19th century
 - c) 88 years
 - d) over a century
- 5) What did Volvo say it will respond to?
 - a) customers' needs
 - b) e-mails
 - c) criticism
 - d) questions
- 6) What kind of cars does Tesla make?
 - a) diesel-driven cars
 - b) hybrid cars
 - c) sports cars
 - d) all-electric cars
- 7) How much higher is Tesla's stock market value than Ford's value?
 - a) 20%
 - b) 25%
 - c) 30%
 - d) 15%
- 8) How many Model 3 cars will Tesla make each month by December?
 - a) 200,000
 - b) 12,000
 - c) 22,000
 - d) 20,000
- 9) How many electrified cars does Volvo hope to sell by 2025?
 - a) 10,000
 - b) 100,000
 - c) 1,000,000
 - d) 1,000,000,000
- 10) What kind of manufacturing does Volvo hope it will do?
 - a) climate-natural
 - b) climate-neutral
 - c) neutral-climate
 - d) natural-climate

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Bicycles

You think bicycles are the best form of transport. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their forms or transport. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): cars, trains or airplanes.

Role B – Cars

You think cars are the best form of transport. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their forms or transport. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): bicycles, trains or airplanes.

Role C – Train

You think trains are the best form of transport. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their forms or transport. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): airplanes, bicycles or cars.

Role D – Airplane

You think airplanes are the best form of transport. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their forms or transport. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): bicycles, cars or trains.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1707/170707-electric-cars.html>

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

electric	petrol
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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">• all• launch• both• major• century• needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• selling• stock• 1903• month• factories• widest
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ELECTRIC CARS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about electric cars 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.

ELECTRIC CARS 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 'electric'?
3. What do you think about electric cars?
4. Are electric cars good for the environment?
5. In what ways are electric cars better than petrol cars?
6. What is your favourite car and why?
7. What do you know about Volvo?
8. How popular are electric cars in your country?
9. In what ways can cars be more environmentally friendly?
10. Are there any negative things about electric cars?

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ELECTRIC CARS 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 'car'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What do you know about Tesla?
15. Why haven't all car companies decided to make only electrified cars?
16. How can factories be more environmentally friendly?
17. When will we stop using fossil fuels?
18. Would you prefer an electric or petrol-driven car?
19. What is "climate-neutral" manufacturing?
20. What questions would you like to ask the boss of Volvo?

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

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More and (7) _____ car companies are now selling cars with electric or hybrid engines. The US-based company Tesla makes only all-electric cars. Its (8) _____ market value is now 25 per cent higher than that of Ford Motor Company, (9) _____ started in 1903. Tesla recently announced that it will make 20,000 of its Model 3 cars a month by December. Volvo hopes to sell a million electrified cars by 2025. In (10) _____, it hopes to have changed its factories to be more environmentally friendly. It hopes to have what it calls "climate-(11) _____" manufacturing. Volvo said its plans will mean the company will have one of the widest (12) _____ of electrified cars of any carmaker in the world.

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

- | | | | | |
|-----|--------------|--------------|------------------|----------------|
| 1. | (a) started | (b) starting | (c) start | (d) starts |
| 2. | (a) motor | (b) motoring | (c) motored | (d) motors |
| 3. | (a) launch | (b) lynch | (c) lunch | (d) lurch |
| 4. | (a) first | (b) firstly | (c) firsts | (d) firsthand |
| 5. | (a) all | (b) a | (c) an | (d) the |
| 6. | (a) by | (b) at | (c) of | (d) to |
| 7. | (a) many | (b) much | (c) more | (d) most |
| 8. | (a) stocks | (b) stocking | (c) stocked | (d) stock |
| 9. | (a) which | (b) what | (c) when | (d) why |
| 10. | (a) added | (b) addition | (c) additionally | (d) additions |
| 11. | (a) neutered | (b) neutral | (c) neutron | (d) neutrality |
| 12. | (a) range | (b) ranging | (c) ranges | (d) ranger |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. chluan five fully electric cars
2. a range of bdiyrh models
3. the first oamjr carmaker
4. for over a ertnyuc
5. we want to odsnrep to our customers
6. rnctreu and future needs

Paragraph 2

7. Its stock market leuav
8. aocdunenn that it will make 20,000
9. Volvo hopes to sell a nlliimo
10. In ioditand, it hopes to...
11. "climate-tneralu" manufacturing
12. one of the widest aserng of electrified cars

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1707/170707-electric-cars.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () started in 1903. Tesla recently announced that it will make 20,000 of its Model 3 cars a
- () carmaker to say it will end making cars with an internal combustion engine. The internal combustion engine has
- () More and more car companies are now selling cars with electric or hybrid engines. The US-based company Tesla
- () "climate-neutral" manufacturing. Volvo said its plans will mean the company will
- () to have changed its factories to be more environmentally friendly. It hopes to have what it calls
- () makes only all-electric cars. Its stock market value is now 25 per cent higher than that of Ford Motor Company, which
- () electric motor. Volvo wants to stop making cars that use only petrol-driven or diesel-driven
- () engines. The carmaker said it plans to launch five fully electric cars between 2019 and 2021 and a range
- (**1**) The car company Volvo has said it will start making all-electric cars. All new cars it makes from 2019 will have an
- () of hybrid models. A hybrid car has an engine that is both electric and petrol-driven. Volvo becomes the first major
- () been used in cars for over a century. Volvo's CEO said: "People increasingly demand electrified
- () cars, and we want to respond to our customers' current and future needs."
- () have one of the widest ranges of electrified cars of any carmaker in the world.
- () month by December. Volvo hopes to sell a million electrified cars by 2025. In addition, it hopes

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. it making will said start all-electric has Volvo cars .
2. fully electric carmaker plans five The it launch cars said to .
3. end with combustion will cars internal It making an engine .
4. The been internal used combustion in engine cars has .
5. current customers' our to Respond needs future and .
6. market now cent stock is per Its value 25 higher .
7. recently it 20,000 Tesla that make announced will .
8. sell electrified 2025 to million by hopes a cars Volvo .
9. to factories its Changed friendly environmentally more be .
10. the electrified any of ranges of One widest cars carmaker of .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1707/170707-electric-cars.html>

The car company Volvo has said it will start *made / making* all-electric cars. All new cars it makes *from / between* 2019 will have an electric motor. Volvo wants to stop making cars that use *only / once* petrol-driven or diesel-driven engines. The carmaker said it plans to *launch / lunch* five fully electric cars between 2019 and 2021 and a *strange / range* of hybrid models. A hybrid car has an engine that is both electric and petrol-driven. Volvo becomes the first major carmaker to *say / speak* it will end making cars with an internal combustion engine. The internal combustion engine has *being / been* used in cars for over *the / a* century. Volvo's CEO said: "People *increasingly / increase* demand electrified cars, and we want to respond to our customers' current and *future / futures* needs."

More and more car companies are *now / known* selling cars with electric or hybrid engines. The US-based company Tesla makes only all-electric cars. Its *stock / shock* market value is now 25 per cent higher than *those / that* of Ford Motor Company, which started in 1903. Tesla *recent / recently* announced that it will make 20,000 *of / off* its Model 3 cars a month by December. Volvo hopes to sell a million electrified cars by 2025. In *added / addition*, it hopes to have changed its factories to *be / been* more environmentally friendly. It hopes to have *that / what* it calls "climate-neutral" manufacturing. Volvo said its plans will *meaning / mean* the company will have one of the widest ranges of electrified cars of *many / any* carmaker in the world.

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)

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Th_ c_r c_m_p_n_y V_lv_ h_s s__d _t w_ll st_rt m_k_ng
_ll- _l_ctr_c c_rs. _ll n_w c_rs _t m_k_s fr_m 2019 w_ll
h_v_ _n _l_ctr_c m_t_r. V_lv_ w_nts t_ st_p m_k_ng
c_rs th_t _s_ _nly p_tr_l-dr_v_n _r d__s_l-dr_v_n
_ng_n_s. Th_ c_rm_k_r s__d _t pl_ns t_ l__nch f_v_
f_lly _l_ctr_c c_rs b_tw__n 2019 _nd 2021 _nd _r_ng_
_f hybr_d m_d_ls. _ hybr_d c_r h_s _n _ng_n_ th_t _s
b_th _l_ctr_c _nd p_tr_l-dr_v_n. V_lv_ b_c_m_s th_
f_rst m_j_r c_rm_k_r t_ s_y _t w_ll _nd m_k_ng c_rs
w_th _n _nt_rn_l c_mb_st__n _ng_n_. Th_ _nt_rn_l
c_mb_st__n _ng_n_ h_s b__n _s_d _n c_rs f_r _v_r _
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__r c_st_m_rs' c_rr_nt _nd f_t_r_n__ds."

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w_th _l_ctr_c _r hybr_d _ng_n_s. Th_ _S-b_s_d
c_m_p_n_y T_sl_ m_k_s _nly _ll- _l_ctr_c c_rs. _ts st_ck
m_rk_t v_l__ _s n_w 25 p_r c_nt h_gh_r th_n th_t _f
F_rd M_t_r C_m_p_n_y, wh_ch st_rt_d _n 1903. T_sl_
r_c_ntly _nn__nc_d th_t _t w_ll m_k_ 20,000 _f _ts
M_d_l 3 c_rs _m_nth by D_c_mb_r. V_lv_ h_p_s t_ s_ll
_m_ll__n _l_ctr_f__d c_rs by 2025. _n _dd_t__n, _t
h_p_s t_ h_v_ ch_ng_d _ts f_ct_r__s t_ b_ m_r_
_nv_r_nm_nt_lly fr__ndly. _t h_p_s t_ h_v_ wh_t _t
c_lls "cl_m_t_-n__tr_l" m_n_f_ct_r_ng. V_lv_ s__d _ts
pl_ns w_ll m__n th_ c_m_p_n_y w_ll h_v_ _n_ _f th_
w_d_st_r_ng_s _f _l_ctr_f__d c_rs _f _ny c_rm_k_r_n
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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more and more car companies are now selling cars with electric or hybrid engines the us-based company tesla makes only all-electric cars its stock market value is now 25 per cent higher than that of ford motor company which started in 1903 tesla recently announced that it will make 20000 of its model 3 cars a month by december volvo hopes to sell a million electrified cars by 2025 in addition it hopes to have changed its factories to be more environmentally friendly it hopes to have what it calls "climate-neutral" manufacturing volvo said its plans will mean the company will have one of the widest ranges of electrified cars of any carmaker in the world

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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HOMework

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. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. ELECTRIC CARS: Make a poster about electric cars. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY: Write a magazine article about electric cars being environmentally friendly. Include imaginary interviews with people who believe they are and with people who believe they are not.

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 electric cars. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your opinions on them. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

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

SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

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| 1. making | a. manufacturing |
| 2. makes | b. produces |
| 3. major | c. big |
| 4. increasingly | d. more and more |
| 5. needs | e. requirements |
| 6. value | f. worth |
| 7. announced | g. reported |
| 8. hopes | h. aims |
| 9. plans | i. ideas |
| 10. in the world | j. on the planet |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. An electric motor
2. Five
3. A hybrid car
4. Over a century
5. Customers' current and future needs
6. All-electric cars
7. 25%
8. 20,000
9. A million
10. Climate-neutral manufacturing

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

1. a 2. c 3. b 4. d 5. a 6. d 7. b 8. d 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 ;-)