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**Level 1** – 9th September, 2021

## Mercedes makes mind-control car

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2109/210909-mind-control-car-1.html>

Cars are getting more advanced. We now have better electric car technology, and driverless cars. The latest advance is a car that lets you use your mind to control things. Mercedes showed its futuristic Vision AVTR car at a mobility show this week. The letters at the end of its name make people think of the movie Avatar. Mercedes said the car would not be available for buy in the near future. Vision AVTR is currently just a concept car.

Mercedes is using brain-computer interface in the car. Computers "read" the driver's brain. The driver will then be able to do things using just their thoughts. A spokeswoman said the futuristic car was exciting. She said: "Mercedes is setting another milestone in the [joining] of man and machine." The Mercedes website says: "As soon as you get in, the car becomes an extension of your own body and a tool to discover the environment."

Sources: <https://mashable.com/article/mercedes-benz-vision-avtr-mind-read>  
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# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2109/210909-mind-control-car-1.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                      |                      |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Cars are getting more             | a. future            |
| 2. We now have better electric       | b. to buy            |
| 3. a car that lets you use your mind | c. car               |
| 4. at a mobility                     | d. of its name       |
| 5. The letters at the end            | e. advanced          |
| 6. not be available                  | f. show              |
| 7. in the near                       | g. car technology    |
| 8. just a concept                    | h. to control things |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                             |                       |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Mercedes is using brain- | a. the driver's brain |
| 2. Computers "read"         | b. body               |
| 3. be able to do            | c. thoughts           |
| 4. using just their         | d. environment        |
| 5. the futuristic           | e. milestone          |
| 6. setting another          | f. car                |
| 7. an extension of your own | g. computer interface |
| 8. discover the             | h. things             |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Mercedes is using brain-computer (7) \_\_\_\_\_ car. Computers "read" (8) \_\_\_\_\_. The driver will then be able to do things using (9) \_\_\_\_\_. A spokeswoman said the futuristic car was exciting. She said: "Mercedes (10) \_\_\_\_\_ milestone in the [joining] of man and machine." The Mercedes website says: "As soon as you get in, the car becomes (11) \_\_\_\_\_ your own body and a (12) \_\_\_\_\_ the environment."

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# MIND CONTROL SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2109/210909-mind-control-car-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about mind control 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).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

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

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

