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China set to become world's largest car maker

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THE ARTICLE

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China is set to become the world's largest automobile exporter for the first time. In the first quarter of this year, China surpassed traditional car-making giants Japan and Germany for the first time. Chinese manufacturers exported more than 1.06 million vehicles in the first quarter of 2023. In doing so, they overtook Japan's number of 1.05 million. China's car industry has made great strides in the past few years. Throughout the 2010s, it managed to produce around a million cars a year. That doubled to two million in 2021 and then tripled to three million a year later. China is forecast to more than quadruple production numbers from just four years ago to become the world's largest auto exporter.

China is becoming the world's largest manufacturer of electric vehicles (EVs). Elon Musk's Tesla has a giant "gigafactory" in China. It has a capacity of 1.25 million vehicles a year, but is yet to reach maximum output. The plant exports a large volume of Tesla cars to Canada, Europe and Japan. However, Tesla is about to lose its crown as the world's largest EV maker to a Chinese company called BYD. Last month, BYD launched a compact EV called Seagull, with a starting price of \$11,000. The top three countries that China exports cars to are Russia, the United States and Mexico. Exports to Russia have been boosted by Western countries imposing trade sanctions on Moscow.

Sources: <https://carnewschina.com/2023/05/13/china-became-the-worlds-largest-vehicle-exporter-in-q1-2023-surpassing-japan/>
<https://www.bbc.com/news/business-65643064>
<https://www.businessinsider.com/cheap-chinese-electric-cars-will-upend-the-us-vehicle-market-2023-5>

WARM-UPS

1. CHINESE CAR COMPANIES: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about Chinese car companies. 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?

China / automobile / exports / car-making giants / manufacturers / tripled / numbers / the world's largest / gigafactory / capacity / crown / electric vehicle / trade sanctions

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

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

4. CARS: What do you know and think about the cars from these countries? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What I Know	What I Think
Chinese cars		
German cars		
Japanese cars		
British cars		
American cars		
Italian cars		

5. QUARTER: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "quarter". 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 transport at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Electric cars
- Buses
- Trains
- Ferries
- E-scooters
- Bicycles
- Subways
- Rickshaws

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|-----------------------|---|
| 1. set | a. Became three times as much or as many. |
| 2. quarter | b. One of four three-month periods of the financial year. |
| 3. surpassed | c. A thing used for transporting people or goods, especially on land, such as a car, lorry, bus, etc. |
| 4. vehicle | d. Ready or likely to. |
| 5. made great strides | e. Increase or be increased fourfold. |
| 6. tripled | f. Exceeded; was greater than. |
| 7. quadruple | g. Progressed or advanced a lot. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|-----------------|---|
| 8. manufacturer | h. The amount of something produced by a person, machine, or industry. |
| 9. gigafactory | i. The amount of something that something can produce. |
| 10. capacity | j. A small car. |
| 11. output | k. A person or company that makes goods for sale. |
| 12. crown | l. A really, really, really big building in which to make things. |
| 13. compact | m. Actions taken by countries to get another country to stop doing something or change its behaviour. |
| 14. sanctions | n. The role of being the best at or top of something. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2305/230522-chinese-car-companies.html>

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

1. China is set to be the world's leading car exporter again. **T / F**
2. China exported more than one million more cars than Japan in 2023. **T / F**
3. China quadrupled its car exports in 2023 from a year earlier. **T / F**
4. China's car exports will be four times bigger in 2023 than in 2019. **T / F**
5. Tesla said it would build its first "gigafactory" in China. **T / F**
6. Tesla will soon be overtaken as the world's leading EV manufacturer. **T / F**
7. A Chinese company has priced its electric car at \$11,000. **T / F**
8. China's car exports to Russia went up because of trade sanctions. **T / F**

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

- | | |
|-------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. surpassed | a. predicted |
| 2. manufacturers | b. car |
| 3. forecast | c. title |
| 4. quadruple | d. makers |
| 5. auto | e. enormous |
| 6. giant | f. applying |
| 7. output | g. overtook |
| 8. crown | h. small |
| 9. compact | i. increase fourfold |
| 10. imposing | j. production |

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

- | | |
|--|----------------------------------|
| 1. China is set | a. to two million in 2021 |
| 2. In the first | b. quadruple production |
| 3. China's car industry has made | c. boosted |
| 4. That doubled | d. trade sanctions on Moscow |
| 5. China is forecast to more than | e. quarter of this year |
| 6. It has a capacity | f. the world's largest EV maker |
| 7. yet to reach | g. to become the world's largest |
| 8. Tesla is about to lose its crown as | h. maximum output |
| 9. Exports to Russia have been | i. great strides |
| 10. Western countries imposing | j. of 1.25 million vehicles |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2305/230522-chinese-car-companies.html>

China is set to become the world's largest (1) _____ exporter for the first time. In the first quarter of this year, China surpassed traditional car-making (2) _____ Japan and Germany for the first time. Chinese manufacturers exported more than 1.06 million vehicles in the first (3) _____ of 2023. In doing so, they overtook Japan's number of 1.05 million. China's car industry has made great (4) _____ in the past few years. Throughout the 2010s, it (5) _____ to produce around a million cars a year. That doubled to two million in 2021 and then (6) _____ to three million a year later. China is (7) _____ to more than quadruple production numbers from just four years ago to become the world's largest auto (8) _____.

strides
quarter
exporter
giants
forecast
automobile
tripled
managed

China is becoming the world's largest manufacturer of electric vehicles (EVs). Elon Musk's Tesla has a (9) _____ "gigafactory" in China. It has a (10) _____ of 1.25 million vehicles a year, but is yet to reach (11) _____ output. The plant exports a large volume of Tesla cars to Canada, Europe and Japan. However, Tesla is about to lose its (12) _____ as the world's largest EV maker to a Chinese company called BYD. Last month, BYD (13) _____ a compact EV called Seagull, with a starting price of \$11,000. The (14) _____ three countries that China exports cars to are Russia, the United States and Mexico. Exports to Russia have been (15) _____ by Western countries imposing trade (16) _____ on Moscow.

capacity
launched
sanctions
giant
boosted
crown
maximum
top

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) the world's largest automobile exporter for the first time. In _____
 - a. the first quality
 - b. the first caution
 - c. the first cauterize
 - d. the first quarter
- 2) China's car industry has _____
 - a. made great slides
 - b. made great asides
 - c. made great astride
 - d. made great strides
- 3) That doubled to two million in 2021 _____
 - a. and then tripped
 - b. and then trapsed
 - c. and then tripled
 - d. and then dribbled
- 4) China is forecast to more than _____
 - a. quadruplet production numbers
 - b. quadruple production numbers
 - c. quad ruple production numbers
 - d. quadrupled production numbers
- 5) just four years ago to become the world's _____
 - a. largest anti-exporter
 - b. largest auto exporter
 - c. largest ought to exporter
 - d. largest ore to exporter
- 6) China is becoming the world's largest manufacturer _____
 - a. of electric vehicles
 - b. of electrician vehicles
 - c. of electrically vehicles
 - d. of electrics vehicles
- 7) It has a capacity of 1.25 million vehicles a year, but is yet to _____
 - a. reach maximum output
 - b. breach maximum output
 - c. leach maximum output
 - d. wish maximum output
- 8) However, Tesla is about to _____
 - a. lose its glow
 - b. lose its gown
 - c. lose its clown
 - d. lose its crown
- 9) Last month, BYD launched _____
 - a. a comp act EV
 - b. ache on pact EV
 - c. a compact EV
 - d. ache impact EV
- 10) boosted by Western countries imposing trade _____
 - a. suction on Moscow
 - b. sanctuaries on Moscow
 - c. sanctions on Moscow
 - d. stations on Moscow

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2305/230522-chinese-car-companies.html>

China is set to become the world's largest automobile (1) _____ first time. In the first quarter of this year, China (2) _____ - making giants Japan and Germany for the first time. Chinese manufacturers exported more than 1.06 million vehicles in (3) _____ of 2023. In doing so, they overtook Japan's number of 1.05 million. China's car industry has made (4) _____ the past few years. Throughout the 2010s, it managed to produce around a million cars a year. That doubled to two million in 2021 and (5) _____ three million a year later. China is forecast to more than quadruple production numbers from just four years ago to become the world's (6) _____.

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2305/230522-chinese-car-companies.html>

1. When did China become the world's largest automobile exporter?
2. What countries did China overtake to become the largest exporter?
3. How many cars did Japan export in the first three months of 2023?
4. By how much did China's auto exports rise in 2021?
5. How much bigger will China's car exports be in 2023 than in 2019?
6. Which company has a "gigafactory" in China?
7. Which company will soon be the world's largest exporter of EVs?
8. How much is a new compact EV selling for?
9. What are the three countries China exports the most cars to?
10. What does the article say Western countries have imposed on Russia?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2305/230522-chinese-car-companies.html>

- 1) When did China become the world's largest automobile exporter?
 - a) last week
 - b) last year
 - c) the first quarter of 2023
 - d) February of this year
- 2) What countries did China overtake to become the largest exporter?
 - a) Japan and Germany
 - b) Italy and France
 - c) Germany and the USA
 - d) the USA and South Korea
- 3) How many cars did Japan export in the first three months of 2023?
 - a) 1.06 million
 - b) 1.05 million
 - c) 1.04 million
 - d) 1.03 million
- 4) By how much did China's auto exports rise in 2021?
 - a) they tripled
 - b) they quadrupled
 - c) they quintupled
 - d) they doubled
- 5) How much bigger will China's car exports be in 2023 than in 2019?
 - a) three times bigger
 - b) two times bigger
 - c) four times bigger
 - d) five times bigger
- 6) Which company has a "gigafactory" in China?
 - a) Nissan
 - b) Tesla
 - c) Hyundai
 - d) Ford
- 7) Which company will soon be the world's largest exporter of EVs?
 - a) DYB
 - b) YBD
 - c) BDY
 - d) BYD
- 8) How much is a new compact EV selling for?
 - a) \$12,000
 - b) \$11,000
 - c) \$10,000
 - d) \$18,000
- 9) What are the three countries China exports the most cars to?
 - a) South Korea, Thailand and Australia
 - b) Russia, the United States and Mexico
 - c) the USA, Canada and Brazil
 - d) the UK, France and Italy
- 10) What does the article say Western countries have imposed on Russia?
 - a) tariffs
 - b) regulations
 - c) import duties
 - d) trade sanctions

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Electric Cars

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

Role B – Trains

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

Role C – E-scooters

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

Role D – Bicycles

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

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2305/230522-chinese-car-companies.html>

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

China	car
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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">• traditional• 1.06• overtook• great• produce• numbers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• giant• yet• crown• launched• top• trade
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CHINESE CAR COMPANIES SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about Chinese car companies 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.

CHINESE CAR COMPANIES 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 'China'?
3. What do you think of China being the world's biggest car maker?
4. What do you think of German cars?
5. What are your favourite cars?
6. What goods made in China do you buy?
7. What car makers do you have in your country?
8. Why is China becoming the world's leading auto maker?
9. How many more cars can the world cope with?
10. Should we be looking at reducing the number of cars on the roads?

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CHINESE CAR COMPANIES 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 think of Japanese cars?
15. What do you think of American cars?
16. What do you think of electric cars?
17. What do you think of Tesla?
18. Should we all be buying compact cars?
19. What will cars of the future be like?
20. What questions would you like to ask auto makers?

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

- | | | | | |
|-----|-------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| 1. | (a) last | (b) third | (c) fast | (d) first |
| 2. | (a) mammoth | (b) colossus | (c) dwarf | (d) giant |
| 3. | (a) such | (b) so | (c) though | (d) these |
| 4. | (a) slides | (b) spades | (c) strides | (d) studs |
| 5. | (a) too | (b) two | (c) to | (d) at |
| 6. | (a) auto | (b) ought to | (c) otter | (d) other |
| 7. | (a) climax | (b) capacity | (c) certainty | (d) contrail |
| 8. | (a) yet | (b) bet | (c) let | (d) met |
| 9. | (a) cloak | (b) crown | (c) sword | (d) orb |
| 10. | (a) initial | (b) pre- | (c) starting | (d) money |
| 11. | (a) from | (b) at | (c) to | (d) of |
| 12. | (a) on | (b) at | (c) of | (d) by |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. the world's largest alooembtui exporter
2. suarepdss traditional car-making giants
3. 1.06 million hleicesv
4. made great stridse in the past few years
5. rtelpdi to three million
6. more than qaplerduu production

Paragraph 2

7. the world's largest aafртеumnurc
8. Tesla has a giant iaargctyfog in China
9. It has a payacict of 1.25 million
10. The plant exports a large uolemν
11. BYD launched a ccaoptm EV
12. imposing trade saoticensn on Moscow

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2305/230522-chinese-car-companies.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () "gigafactory" in China. It has a capacity of 1.25 million vehicles a year, but is yet to reach maximum
- () of this year, China surpassed traditional car-making giants Japan and Germany for the first
- () time. Chinese manufacturers exported more than 1.06 million vehicles in the first quarter
- () have been boosted by Western countries imposing trade sanctions on Moscow.
- () to two million in 2021 and then tripled to three million a year later. China is forecast to more than
- () of 2023. In doing so, they overtook Japan's number of 1.05 million. China's car industry has made great
- () exports cars to are Russia, the United States and Mexico. Exports to Russia
- () quadruple production numbers from just four years ago to become the world's largest auto exporter.
- (**1**) China is set to become the world's largest automobile exporter for the first time. In the first quarter
- () EV called Seagull, with a starting price of \$11,000. The top three countries that China
- () output. The plant exports a large volume of Tesla cars to Canada, Europe and Japan. However, Tesla is about to lose its
- () crown as the world's largest EV maker to a Chinese company called BYD. Last month, BYD launched a compact
- () China is becoming the world's largest manufacturer of electric vehicles (EVs). Elon Musk's Tesla has a giant
- () strides in the past few years. Throughout the 2010s, it managed to produce around a million cars a year. That doubled

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. become the automobile world's exporter . Set largest to
2. the first 2023 . In year the quarter of
3. car industry made China's strides . great has
4. doubled That to in two 2021 . cars million
5. is than Chinese to forecast more quadruple production .
6. cars . The of a exports large volume plant
7. the as Lose world's its crown maker . largest
8. compact a BYD called Seagull . EV launched
9. top cars China The countries to . three exports
10. imposing trade Western sanctions countries Moscow . on

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2305/230522-chinese-car-companies.html>

China is set to become the world's largest automobile *importer / exporter* for the first time. In the first quarter of this year, China *surplus / surpassed* traditional car-making giants Japan and Germany for the first *timing / time*. Chinese manufacturers exported more than 1.06 million vehicles in the first *quarter / quarterly* of 2023. In *doing / done* so, they overtook Japan's number of 1.05 million. China's car industry has made great *walks / strides* in the *past / post* few years. Throughout the 2010s, it managed to produce around a million cars a year. That *twice / doubled* to two million in 2021 and then *tripled / triplet* to three million a year later. China is *forecast / cast* to more than quadruple production numbers from just four years ago to become the world's largest auto exporter.

China is becoming the world's largest manufacturer *by / of* electric vehicles (EVs). Elon Musk's Tesla has a *colossus / giant* "gigafactory" in China. It has a capacity *of / at* 1.25 million vehicles a year, but is yet to *breach / reach* maximum output. The plant exports a large *volume / sound* of Tesla cars to Canada, Europe and Japan. However, Tesla is about to lose its *crown / cap* as the world's largest EV maker to a Chinese company *called / name* BYD. Last month, BYD launched a *contact / compact* EV called Seagull, with a starting price of \$11,000. The top three countries that China exports cars *from / to* are Russia, the United States and Mexico. Exports to Russia have been boosted by Western countries imposing trade sanctions *in / on* Moscow.

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

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

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Ch_n_ _s s_t t_ b_c_m_ th_ w_rld's l_rg_st __t_m_b_l_ _xp_rt_r f_r th_ f_rst t_m_. _n th_ f_rst q__rt_r _f th_s y__r, Ch_n_ s_rp_ss_d tr_d_t__n_l c_r-m_k_ng g__nts J_p_n _nd G_rm_ny f_r th_ f_rst t_m_. Ch_n_s_ m_n_f_ct_r_rs _xp_rt_d m_r_ th_n 1.06 m_ll__n v_h_cl_s _n th_ f_rst q__rt_r _f 2023. _n d__ng s_, th_y _v_rt__k J_p_n's n_mb_r _f 1.05 m_ll__n. Ch_n's c_r _nd_stry h_s m_d_ gr__t str_d_s _n th_ p_st f_w y__rs. Thr__gh__t th_ 2010s, _t m_n_g_d t_ pr_d_c_ _r__nd _ m_ll__n c_rs _ y__r. Th_t d__bl_d t_ tw_ m_ll__n _n 2021 _nd th_n tr_pl_d t_ thr__ m_ll__n _ y__r l_t_r. Ch_n_ _s f_r_c_st t_ m_r_ th_n q__dr_pl_ pr_d_ct__n n_mb_rs fr_m j_st f__r y__rs _g_ t_ b_c_m_ th_ w_rld's l_rg_st __t_ _xp_rt_r.

Ch_n_ _s b_c_m_ng th_ w_rld's l_rg_st m_n_f_ct_r_r _f _l_ctr_c v_h_cl_s (_Vs). _l_n M_sk's T_sl_ h_s _ g__nt "g_g_f_ct_ry" _n Ch_n_. _t h_s _ c_p_c_ty _f 1.25 m_ll__n v_h_cl_s _ y__r, b_t _s y_t t_ r__ch m_x_m_m __tp_t. Th_ pl_nt _xp_rts _ l_rg_ v_l_m_ _f T_sl_ c_rs t_ C_n_d_, __r_p_ _nd J_p_n. H_w_v_r, T_sl_ _s _b__t t_ l_s_ _ts cr_wn _s th_ w_rld's l_rg_st _V m_k_r t_ _ Ch_n_s_ c_m_p_ny c_ll_d BYD. L_st m_nth, BYD l__nch_d _ c_m_p_ct _V c_ll_d S__g_ll, w_th _ st_rtn_g pr_c_ _f \$11,000. Th_ t_p thr__ c__ntr__s th_t Ch_n_ _xp_rts c_rs t_ _r_ R_ss__, th_ _n_t_d St_t_s _nd M_x_c_. _xp_rts t_ R_ss__ h_v_ b__n b__st_d by W_st_rn c__ntr__s _mp_s_ng tr_d_ s_nct__ns _n M_sc_w.

PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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china is set to become the worlds largest automobile exporter for the first time in the first quarter of this year china surpassed traditional carmaking giants japan and germany for the first time chinese manufacturers exported more than 106 million vehicles in the first quarter of 2023 in doing so they overtook japans number of 105 million chinas car industry has made great strides in the past few years throughout the 2010s it managed to produce around a million cars a year that doubled to two million in 2021 and then tripled to three million a year later china is forecast to more than quadruple production numbers from just four years ago to become the worlds largest auto exporter

china is becoming the worlds largest manufacturer of electric vehicles evs elon musks tesla has a giant gigafactory in china it has a capacity of 125 million vehicles a year but is yet to reach maximum output the plant exports a large volume of tesla cars to canada europe and japan however tesla is about to lose its crown as the worlds largest ev maker to a chinese company called byd last month byd launched a compact ev called seagull with a starting price of 11000 the top three countries that china exports cars to are russia the united states and mexico exports to russia have been boosted by western countries imposing trade sanctions on moscow

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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China is set to become the world's largest automobile exporter for the first time. In the first quarter of this year, China surpassed traditional car-making giants Japan and Germany for the first time. Chinese manufacturers exported more than 1.06 million vehicles in the first quarter of 2023. In doing so, they overtook Japan's number of 1.05 million. China's car industry has made great strides in the past few years. Throughout the 2010s, it managed to produce around a million cars a year. That doubled to two million in 2021 and then tripled to three million a year later. China is forecast to more than quadruple production numbers from just four years ago to become the world's largest auto exporter. China is becoming the world's largest manufacturer of electric vehicles (EVs). Elon Musk's Tesla has a giant "gigafactory" in China. It has a capacity of 1.25 million vehicles a year, but is yet to reach maximum output. The plant exports a large volume of Tesla cars to Canada, Europe and Japan. However, Tesla is about to lose its crown as the world's largest EV maker to a Chinese company called BYD. Last month, BYD launched a compact EV called Seagull, with a starting price of \$11,000. The top three countries that China exports cars to are Russia, the United States and Mexico. Exports to Russia have been boosted by Western countries imposing trade sanctions on Moscow.

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

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

4. ELECTRIC VEHICLES: Write a magazine article about electric vehicles. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against them.

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 Chinese car companies. 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

VOCABULARY (p.4)

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

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- 1 F 2 F 3 F 4 T 5 F 6 T 7 T 8 T

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

- The first quarter of 2023
- Japan and Germany
- 1.05 million
- They doubled
- Four times bigger
- Tesla
- BYD
- \$11,000
- Russia, the United States and Mexico
- Trade sanctions

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

- Set to become the world's largest automobile exporter.
- In the first quarter of the year 2023.
- China's car industry has made great strides.
- That doubled to two million cars in 2021.
- Chinese is forecast to more than quadruple production.
- The plant exports a large volume of cars.
- Lose its crown as the world's largest maker.
- BYD launched a compact EV called Seagull.
- The top three countries China exports cars to.
- Western countries imposing trade sanctions on Moscow.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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