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**Level 0** – 9th September, 2021

## Mercedes makes mind-control car

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Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2109/210909-mind-control-car-0.html>

Cars are now advanced. There are electric cars and driverless cars. The latest advance is a car that lets you use your mind to control things. It is from Mercedes. It is called the Vision AVTR. The letters "AVTR" make people think of the movie Avatar. We cannot buy the car yet because it is just a concept car.

The Vision AVTR uses brain-computer interface. Computers "read" the driver's brain. The driver can do things using just their thoughts. Mercedes said it is a big step in the joining of man and machine. It said: "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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<https://www.thesun.co.uk/tech/16065137/new-mercedes-vision-avtr-mind-control-brain/>

# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                         |                 |
|-------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Cars are now         | a. mind         |
| 2. The latest advance   | b. of the movie |
| 3. use your             | c. is a car     |
| 4. control              | d. car          |
| 5. It is from           | e. "AVTR"       |
| 6. The letters          | f. things       |
| 7. make people think    | g. Mercedes     |
| 8. it is just a concept | h. advanced     |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                |                       |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. The Vision AVTR uses brain- | a. their thoughts     |
| 2. Computers read              | b. body               |
| 3. The driver can do           | c. the driver's brain |
| 4. using just                  | d. the environment    |
| 5. Mercedes said it            | e. things             |
| 6. the joining of man          | f. is a big step      |
| 7. an extension of your own    | g. computer interface |
| 8. a tool to discover          | h. and machine        |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Cars (1) \_\_\_\_\_ . There are electric cars  
(2) \_\_\_\_\_. The latest advance is a car that lets  
you use your (3) \_\_\_\_\_ things. It is from  
Mercedes. It is called the Vision AVTR. The letters "AVTR"  
(4) \_\_\_\_\_ of the movie Avatar. We  
(5) \_\_\_\_\_ car yet because it is just  
(6) \_\_\_\_\_ .

The Vision AVTR (7) \_\_\_\_\_ interface. Computers  
"read" (8) \_\_\_\_\_. The driver can do things using  
(9) \_\_\_\_\_. Mercedes said it is a big step in the  
(10) \_\_\_\_\_ and machine. It said: "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-0.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) \_\_\_\_\_

