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Mercedes makes mind-control car

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Cars are becoming more advanced. In the past decade, we have seen better electric car technology, and driverless cars. The latest advance is a car that lets you use your mind to control certain things. The car giant Mercedes revealed its futuristic car at a mobility show in Munich this week. It is called Vision AVTR. The four letters at the end of its name are to make people think of the movie Avatar. A Mercedes spokesperson said the car would not be available for purchase in the near future. Vision AVTR is currently just a concept car.

Mercedes is using brain-computer interface (BCI) in the Vision AVTR. The car's computers "read" the driver's brain. The system needs a minute to get to read a new driver. The driver will then be able to do things in the car using just their thoughts. A Mercedes spokeswoman spoke about how exciting she thought the futuristic car was. She said: "Mercedes-Benz is setting another milestone in the merging 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>
<https://www.techradar.com/news/mercedes-is-showing-off-actual-working-in-car-mind-control>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Cars are becoming more | a. of its name |
| 2. In the past | b. control certain things |
| 3. we have seen better electric | c. future |
| 4. use your mind to | d. advanced |
| 5. The car | e. a concept car |
| 6. The four letters at the end | f. decade |
| 7. in the near | g. giant Mercedes |
| 8. Vision AVTR is currently just | h. car technology |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. brain-computer | a. your own body |
| 2. computers "read" | b. in the car |
| 3. The system needs a | c. get in |
| 4. be able to do things | d. the driver's brain |
| 5. the merging of man | e. environment |
| 6. As soon as you | f. interface |
| 7. an extension of | g. and machine |
| 8. a tool to discover the | h. minute |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Mercedes is using brain-computer interface (BCI) in the Vision AVTR. The car's computers (7) _____ brain. The system needs a minute to get to read a new driver. The driver will then be able (8) _____ in the car using just their thoughts. A Mercedes spokeswoman spoke about (9) _____ thought the futuristic car was. She said: "Mercedes-Benz is setting another milestone in the (10) _____ and machine." The Mercedes website says: "As (11) _____ get in, the car becomes an extension of your own body and a (12) _____ the environment."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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MIND CONTROL SURVEY

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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) _____

WRITING

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Write about **mind control** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.
