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Level 4 – 22nd May 2023

China set to become world's largest car maker

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Please try Levels 5 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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China will be the largest car exporter for the first time. In the first quarter of 2023, it overtook Japan and Germany. Chinese companies exported over 1.06 million vehicles in the first three months of 2023. Japan exported 1.05 million. China's car industry has advanced a lot. Throughout the 2010s, it produced around a million cars a year. China will quadruple production from four years ago to be the world's largest car exporter.

China is also number one for electric vehicles (EVs). Tesla has a giant "gigafactory" in China. The factory exports many cars to Canada, Europe and Japan. Tesla will soon lose its crown as the top EV maker to China's BYD. Last month, BYD launched a compact EV with the low price of \$11,000. The top country China exports cars to is Russia. Exports to Russia increased after Western countries put trade sanctions on Moscow.

Sources: <https://carnewschina.com/2023/05/13/china-became-the-worlds-largest-vehicle-exporter-in-q1-2023-surpassing-japan/>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. In the first | a. the 2010s |
| 2. it overtook | b. over 1.06 million |
| 3. Chinese companies exported | c. exporter |
| 4. China's car industry has | d. quarter of 2023 |
| 5. Throughout | e. cars a year |
| 6. it produced around a million | f. production |
| 7. China will quadruple | g. Japan |
| 8. the world's largest car | h. advanced a lot |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. China is also number one | a. cars to |
| 2. Tesla has a giant | b. maker |
| 3. Tesla will soon | c. on Moscow |
| 4. the top EV | d. lose its crown |
| 5. BYD launched a | e. increased |
| 6. The top country China exports | f. gigafactory in China |
| 7. Exports to Russia | g. compact EV |
| 8. put trade sanctions | h. for electric vehicles |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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China will (1) _____ car exporter for the first time. In the (2) _____ 2023, it overtook Japan and Germany. Chinese (3) _____ 1.06 million vehicles in the first three months of 2023. Japan exported 1.05 million. China's (4) _____ advanced a lot. Throughout the 2010s, it produced (5) _____ cars a year. China will quadruple production from four years ago to be the world's (6) _____.

China is also (7) _____ electric vehicles (EVs). Tesla has a giant "gigafactory" in China. The (8) _____ cars to Canada, Europe and Japan. Tesla will soon (9) _____ as the top EV maker to China's BYD. Last month, BYD (10) _____ EV with the low price of \$11,000. The top country China (11) _____ is Russia. Exports to Russia increased after Western countries put (12) _____ Moscow.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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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.

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) _____

