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## **Level 1**

### **Volvo will start making only all-electric cars**

**7th July, 2017**

<http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1707/170707-electric-cars-1.html>

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**Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.**

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# THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1707/170707-electric-cars-1.html>

The car company Volvo said all its cars will have an electric motor from 2019. It will stop making cars that use only petrol engines. It plans to sell five fully electric cars and some hybrid cars by 2021. Volvo is the first big carmaker that will stop making cars with only petrol engines. It said: "People increasingly demand electrified cars, and we want to respond to our customers' current and future needs."

More car companies are selling electric and hybrid cars. The American company Tesla makes only electric cars. Its stock market value is 25 per cent higher than that of Ford. Volvo hopes to sell a million electrified cars by 2025. It also hopes its factories will be more environmentally friendly and will start "climate-neutral" manufacturing. Volvo will have one of the widest ranges of electrified cars of any carmaker in the world.

Sources: <http://www.bbc.com/news/business-40505671>  
<http://www.autotrader.co.uk/content/news/volvo-to-produce-all-electric-cars-from-2019>  
<http://www.autoexpress.co.uk/volvo/100024/volvo-to-go-electric-with-new-range-of-evs-and-hybrid-models-from-2019>

# PHRASE MATCHING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1707/170707-electric-cars-1.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                |                   |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. The car                     | a. making cars    |
| 2. all its cars will have an   | b. our customers  |
| 3. It will stop                | c. electric cars  |
| 4. use only petrol             | d. needs          |
| 5. It plans to sell five fully | e. company Volvo  |
| 6. making cars with only       | f. engines        |
| 7. we want to respond to       | g. petrol engines |
| 8. current and future          | h. electric motor |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                    |                        |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. car                             | a. friendly            |
| 2. electric and                    | b. value               |
| 3. The American company            | c. higher              |
| 4. stock market                    | d. hybrid cars         |
| 5. 25 per cent                     | e. of electrified cars |
| 6. sell a million electrified cars | f. companies           |
| 7. be more environmentally         | g. by 2025             |
| 8. one of the widest ranges        | h. Tesla               |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The car company Volvo (1) \_\_\_\_\_ will have an electric motor from 2019. It will stop making cars (2) \_\_\_\_\_ petrol engines. It plans (3) \_\_\_\_\_ electric cars and some hybrid cars by 2021. Volvo (4) \_\_\_\_\_ big carmaker that will stop making (5) \_\_\_\_\_ petrol engines. It said: "People increasingly demand electrified cars, and we want to respond to our customers' (6) \_\_\_\_\_ needs."

More car companies are selling (7) \_\_\_\_\_ cars. The American company Tesla makes only electric cars. Its stock (8) \_\_\_\_\_ 25 per cent higher than that of Ford. Volvo (9) \_\_\_\_\_ million electrified cars by 2025. (10) \_\_\_\_\_ factories will be more environmentally friendly (11) \_\_\_\_\_ "climate-neutral" manufacturing. Volvo will have one of (12) \_\_\_\_\_ of electrified cars of any carmaker in the world.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# ELECTRIC CARS SURVEY

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1707/170707-electric-cars-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about electric cars 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) \_\_\_\_\_

