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**Level 5 – 15th July, 2018**

## Flying "car" could be on sale next year

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1807/180715-flying-car-5.html>

A new era of transport is arriving. A flying car called BlackFly, from Google co-founder Larry Page, could go on sale next year. It can travel for up to 40km at a speed of 100kph. It could cost the same as an average sports-utility car. The vehicle was tested in Canada, which has allowed its use. Even though it will fly in the sky, drivers (or pilots) will not need a pilot's license to get behind the controls. However, people who operate BlackFly will have to successfully complete a pilot's written examination. They will also receive training in how to use the vehicle.

Critics say the term "car" is wrong because it has no wheels and cannot go on roads. A better description would be a person-carrying drone. The vehicle carries one person. It is powered by eight propellers. The company's CEO said: "Opener is re-energizing the art of flight with a safe and affordable flying vehicle that can free its operators from the everyday restrictions of ground transportation." A former vice-president at Google said the age of personal flight is near. He said: "I've noticed in my career that things go from impossible to inevitable in a very short period of time."

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# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1807/180715-flying-car-5.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                            |                     |
|----------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. A new era of transport  | a. the same         |
| 2. at a speed              | b. the controls     |
| 3. It could cost           | c. training         |
| 4. The vehicle was         | d. in the sky       |
| 5. Even though it will fly | e. vehicle          |
| 6. get behind              | f. of 100kph        |
| 7. They will also receive  | g. is arriving      |
| 8. how to use the          | h. tested in Canada |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                    |                          |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Critics say the term            | a. person-carrying drone |
| 2. it has no                       | b. personal flight       |
| 3. A better description would be a | c. of flight             |
| 4. It is powered by                | d. wheels                |
| 5. re-energizing the art           | e. period of time        |
| 6. safe and                        | f. eight propellers      |
| 7. the age of                      | g. "car" is wrong        |
| 8. in a very short                 | h. affordable            |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A (1) \_\_\_\_\_ transport is arriving. A flying car called BlackFly, from Google co-founder Larry Page, could (2) \_\_\_\_\_ next year. It can travel for up to 40km (3) \_\_\_\_\_ of 100kph. It could cost the same as an average sports-utility car. The vehicle was tested in Canada, which has (4) \_\_\_\_\_. Even though it will fly in the sky, drivers (or pilots) will not (5) \_\_\_\_\_ license to get behind the controls. However, people who operate BlackFly will have to successfully complete a pilot's written examination. They will also receive (6) \_\_\_\_\_ to use the vehicle.

Critics say the term "car" is wrong because it has no wheels and cannot (7) \_\_\_\_\_. A better description would be a person-carrying drone. The (8) \_\_\_\_\_ person. It is powered by eight propellers. The company's CEO said: "Opener (9) \_\_\_\_\_ art of flight with a safe and affordable flying vehicle that can free its operators from (10) \_\_\_\_\_ of ground transportation." A former vice-president at Google said the age (11) \_\_\_\_\_ is near. He said: "I've noticed in my career that things go from impossible to inevitable in a (12) \_\_\_\_\_ of time."

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# FLYING CARS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1807/180715-flying-car-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about flying 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) \_\_\_\_\_

