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Flying "car" could be on sale next year

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THE ARTICLE

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Critics say the term "car" is somewhat of a misnomer as it has no wheels and cannot be driven on roads. A more accurate description would be a person-carrying drone. The vehicle can only carry one person and is powered by eight propellers - four at the front of the car and four at the back. Company CEO Marcus Leng 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 of knowledge at Google said the age of personal flight could be arriving with BlackFly. 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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WARM-UPS

1. FLYING CARS: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about flying cars. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

era / transport / vehicle / brainchild / speed / typical / skies / pilots / examination / critics / accurate / description / propeller / flight / restrictions / personal flight / time

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. SKIES: Students A **strongly** believe all cars should be in the skies and not on the roads; Students B **strongly** believe otherwise. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. TRANSPORT: What will the transport of the future look like? What are the downsides of each form? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Kind of transport	Downsides
Cars		
Airplanes		
Boats		
Underwater vehicles		
Rockets		
Trains		

5. FLYING: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "flying". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. CARS: Rank these with your partner. Put the things about cars that need the most improvement at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- speed
- safety
- reliability
- looks
- fuel efficiency
- comfort
- cost
- environmentally friendly

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|---------------|--|
| 1. humanity | a. An idea or invention which is considered to be a particular person's creation. |
| 2. era | b. About an aircraft being in the air after taking off. |
| 3. airborne | c. A long and distinct period of history with a particular feature or characteristic. |
| 4. unveiled | d. A thing used for transporting people or goods, especially on land, such as a car, truck, or cart. |
| 5. brainchild | e. All of the people in the world. |
| 6. typical | f. Showing or announcing publicly for the first time. |
| 7. vehicle | g. Having the distinctive qualities of a particular type of person or thing. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|------------------|---|
| 8. critics | h. A mechanical device for propelling a boat or aircraft, consisting of a revolving shaft with two or more broad, angled blades attached to it. |
| 9. misnomer | i. The limitation or control of someone or something, or the state of being limited or restricted. |
| 10. accurate | j. Inexpensive; reasonably priced. |
| 11. propellers | k. A wrong or inaccurate name. |
| 12. affordable | l. Certain to happen; unavoidable. |
| 13. restrictions | m. People who judge the merits of literary, artistic, or musical works, especially one who does so professionally. |
| 14. inevitable | n. Faithfully or fairly representing the truth about someone. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

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

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- a. The article said a new era of transport will start in June 2019. **T / F**
- b. A founder of Google initiated the idea for this flying car. **T / F**
- c. The new flying car will travel at a speed of 100kph. **T / F**
- d. People won't need to get a pilot's license to fly the car. **T / F**
- e. Critics of the car say it isn't really a car. **T / F**
- f. The new car can carry two people. **T / F**
- g. The company CEO said the car will encourage people to like art. **T / F**
- h. An ex-Google executive said the idea of a flying car is impossible. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH:

Match the following synonyms. The words in **bold** are from the news article.

- | | |
|------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. set | a. limitations |
| 2. unveiled | b. in the long run |
| 3. eventually | c. instruction |
| 4. authorized | d. reviewers |
| 5. training | e. shown |
| 6. critics | f. unavoidable |
| 7. accurate | g. allowed |
| 8. restrictions | h. observed |
| 9. noticed | i. ready |
| 10. inevitable | j. correct |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|--|------------------------|
| 1. Humanity is set to enter a new | a. to inevitable |
| 2. a typical sports- | b. examination |
| 3. Even though it will take | c. transportation |
| 4. get behind | d. of a misnomer |
| 5. complete a pilot's written | e. to the skies |
| 6. the term "car" is somewhat | f. of time |
| 7. powered | g. era of transport |
| 8. the everyday restrictions of ground | h. by eight propellers |
| 9. things go from impossible | i. the controls |
| 10. in a very short period | j. utility car |

GAP FILL

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Humanity is set to enter a new (1) _____ of transport as a flying car could go on (2) _____ next year. The BlackFly airborne vehicle was unveiled by maker Opener in California on Thursday. It is the (3) _____ of Google co-founder Larry Page. BlackFly's designers say it can travel for up to 40km at a speed of 100kph. It will eventually cost the same as a (4) _____ sports-utility car. The vehicle has been tested in Canada, which has (5) _____ its use. Even though it will take to the (6) _____, drivers (or pilots) will not need a pilot's license to get behind the controls. However, BlackFly operators will have to successfully (7) _____ a pilot's written examination and receive training in how to use the (8) _____.

brainchild
vehicle
skies
typical
era
complete
authorized
sale

Critics say the term "car" is somewhat of a (9) _____ as it has no wheels and cannot be driven on roads. A more (10) _____ description would be a person-carrying (11) _____. The vehicle can only carry one person and is (12) _____ by eight propellers - four at the front of the car and four at the back. Company CEO Marcus Leng said: "Opener is re-energizing the (13) _____ of flight with a safe and affordable flying vehicle that can free its operators from the everyday (14) _____ of ground transportation." A former vice-president of knowledge at Google said the age of (15) _____ flight could be arriving with BlackFly. He said: "I've noticed in my career that things go from impossible to (16) _____ in a very short period of time."

drone
personal
art
misnomer
inevitable
accurate
powered
restrictions

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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

- 1) a new era of transport as a flying car could go _____ year
 - a. in sale next
 - b. on sail next
 - c. on sale next
 - d. in sail next
- 2) The BlackFly airborne vehicle was _____ Opener
 - a. non-veiled by maker
 - b. in veiled by maker
 - c. unveiled by maker
 - d. reviled by maker
- 3) The vehicle has been tested in Canada, which has _____
 - a. offer raised its use
 - b. author raised its use
 - c. or theorized its use
 - d. authorized its use
- 4) take to the skies, drivers (or pilots) will not need a pilot's license _____ the controls
 - a. too get behind
 - b. to got behind
 - c. to get beyond
 - d. to get behind
- 5) complete a pilot's written examination and receive training in how to _____
 - a. uses the vehicle
 - b. used the vehicle
 - c. abuse the vehicle
 - d. use the vehicle
- 6) Critics say the term "car" is somewhat _____
 - a. of a miss know ma
 - b. offer mist gnome a
 - c. of a misnomer
 - d. of a me snowman
- 7) A more accurate description would be a person-_____
 - a. carry in drone
 - b. carrying groan
 - c. carrying drain
 - d. carrying drone
- 8) The vehicle can only carry one person and is powered _____
 - a. on eight propellers
 - b. at eight propellers
 - c. by eight propellers
 - d. to eight propellers
- 9) Opener is re-energizing the art of flight with a safe and _____ vehicle
 - a. affable flight in
 - b. a forty ball flying
 - c. afford a ball flying
 - d. affordable flying
- 10) I've noticed in my career that things go from impossible _____
 - a. twin editable
 - b. two in edit a ball
 - c. to inevitable
 - d. too in affable

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

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

1. What is humanity set to enter a new era of?
2. What is the name of the company that made the flying car?
3. How fast can the new car fly?
4. What will people not need to get to fly the car?
5. What will people have to get in order to fly the car?
6. What did critics say was a misnomer?
7. How many people can the car carry?
8. How many propellers does the car have?
9. What did a CEO say the car re-energized?
10. How long did a CEO say things went from impossible to inevitable?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

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

- 1) What is humanity set to enter a new era of?
 - a) relations
 - b) transport
 - c) tourism
 - d) computing
- 2) What is the name of the company that made the flying car?
 - a) Skies
 - b) Flier
 - c) Closer
 - d) Opener
- 3) How fast can the new car fly?
 - a) 200kph
 - b) 120kph
 - c) 100kph
 - d) 80kph
- 4) What did the article say people would not need to fly the car?
 - a) a pilot's license
 - b) a bank loan
 - c) a crash helmet
 - d) a medical
- 5) What will people have to get in order to fly the car?
 - a) a love of heights
 - b) training
 - c) a compass
 - d) a crash helmet
- 6) What did critics say was a misnomer?
 - a) the term "car"
 - b) flight
 - c) drones
 - d) vehicles
- 7) How many people can the car carry?
 - a) 4
 - b) 2
 - c) 1
 - d) 3
- 8) How many propellers does the car have?
 - a) 8
 - b) 12
 - c) 16
 - d) 20
- 9) What did a CEO say the car re-energized?
 - a) hybrid cars
 - b) knowledge
 - c) automobile companies
 - d) the art of flight
- 10) How long did a CEO say things went from impossible to inevitable?
 - a) five days and three hours
 - b) an infinite time
 - c) a very short period of time
 - d) forever

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Speed

You think speed is the biggest thing that needs to improve in cars. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which of these needs improving the least (and why): safety, design or fuel efficiency.

Role B – Safety

You think safety is the biggest thing that needs to improve in cars. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which of these needs improving the least (and why): speed, design or fuel efficiency.

Role C – Design

You think design is the biggest thing that needs to improve in cars. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which of these needs improving the least (and why): safety, speed or fuel efficiency.

Role D – Fuel Efficiency

You think fuel efficiency is the biggest thing that needs to improve in cars. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which of these needs improving the least (and why): safety, design or speed.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

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

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'fly' and 'car'.

fly	car
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• sale• brainchild• travel• tested• skies• complete	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• wheels• more• front• safe• former• short
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FLYING CARS SURVEY

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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.

FLYING CARS DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'flying'?
3. What do you think of flying cars?
4. Would you like to buy a flying car?
5. What are the dangers of flying cars?
6. What do you think of a new era of transport?
7. How would flying cars change our lives?
8. Where would you go in a flying car?
9. Should people need a license to fly the car?
10. Will flying cars mean the end of airplanes?

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FLYING CARS DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'car'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. Should BlackFly be called a car?
15. How safe would you feel in a flying car?
16. What would flying cars do to ease traffic on roads?
17. What do you think of the idea of flying trains?
18. What rules would be needed for flying cars?
19. What other things we think are impossible might come true?
20. What questions would you like to ask the car's designers?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|------------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1. | (a) entail | (b) entering | (c) entrance | (d) enter |
| 2. | (a) to | (b) at | (c) of | (d) by |
| 3. | (a) funder | (b) founder | (c) finder | (d) foundry |
| 4. | (a) typify | (b) typing | (c) typical | (d) typist |
| 5. | (a) have | (b) put | (c) take | (d) rocket |
| 6. | (a) successfully | (b) successes | (c) succeed | (d) successful |
| 7. | (a) gnome | (b) misnomer | (c) inflamer | (d) grader |
| 8. | (a) powered | (b) powers | (c) powerful | (d) powering |
| 9. | (a) guile | (b) art | (c) creative | (d) talent |
| 10. | (a) at | (b) by | (c) of | (d) to |
| 11. | (a) personality | (b) personalize | (c) personal | (d) person |
| 12. | (a) invitational | (b) unviable | (c) unenviable | (d) inevitable |

SPELLING

Paragraph 1

1. The BlackFly airborne ihveelc
2. eivdelnu by maker Opener
3. It is the irnalicbdh of Google
4. a lapctiy sports-utility car
5. hioaeurdtz its use
6. BlackFly raepostor

Paragraph 2

7. somewhat of a sroemimn
8. A more caucrtea description
9. powered by eight prlploerse
10. safe and aaloerbdf
11. the everyday iensrttoicrs of ground transportation
12. things go from impossible to ivnlbeieta

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () its operators from the everyday restrictions of ground transportation." A former vice-
- () next year. The BlackFly airborne vehicle was unveiled by maker Opener in California on Thursday. It is the brainchild
- () president of knowledge at Google said the age of personal flight could be arriving with BlackFly. He said: "I've
- () of Google co-founder Larry Page. BlackFly's designers say it can travel for up to 40km at a
- () Critics say the term "car" is somewhat of a misnomer as it has no wheels and cannot be driven
- (**1**) Humanity is set to enter a new era of transport as a flying car could go on sale
- () on roads. A more accurate description would be a person-carrying drone. The vehicle can only
- () a pilot's written examination and receive training in how to use the vehicle.
- () back. Company CEO Marcus Leng said: "Opener is re-energizing the art of flight with a safe and affordable flying vehicle that can free
- () carry one person and is powered by eight propellers - four at the front of the car and four at the
- () speed of 100kph. It will eventually cost the same as a typical sports-utility car. The vehicle has been
- () license to get behind the controls. However, BlackFly operators will have to successfully complete
- () tested in Canada, which has authorized its use. Even though it will take to the skies, drivers (or pilots) will not need a pilot's
- () noticed in my career that things go from impossible to inevitable in a very short period of time."

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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

1. to era Set a enter transport . of new
2. car on sale next A go could year .
3. it to though skies . will the Even take
4. get the controls . license behind pilot's to A
5. training the how in vehicle . Receive to use
6. "car" The a misnomer . is somewhat of term
7. only The can vehicle one person . carry
8. is art flight . the of Opener re-energizing
9. its the everyday operators Free restrictions . from
10. arriving . be The could personal flight of age

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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

Humanity is set to enter a new *are / era* of transport as a flying car could go *on / in* sale next year. The BlackFly airborne vehicle was unveiled by maker Opener in California on Thursday. It is the brainchild *for / of* Google co-founder Larry Page. BlackFly's designers say it can travel for *along / up* to 40km at a speed of 100kph. It will *eventual / eventually* cost the same as a typical sports-utility car. The vehicle has been *testing / tested* in Canada, which has *authorized / authority* its use. Even though it will take to the skies, drivers (or pilots) will not need a pilot's license *for / to* get behind the controls. However, BlackFly operators will have to successfully *compete / complete* a pilot's written examination and receive training in how to use the *vehicular / vehicle*.

Critics say the term "car" is *somewhat / what* of a misnomer as it has no wheels and cannot be driven on roads. A more *accuracy / accurate* description would be a person-carrying drone. The vehicle can only carry one person and is *powerful / powered* by eight propellers - four at the front of the car and four at the *backing / back*. Company CEO Marcus Leng said: "Opener is re-energizing the *artistic / art* of flight with a safe and affordable flying vehicle that can *free / freely* its operators from the everyday restrictions of ground transportation." A *former / firmer* vice-president of knowledge at Google said the *age / aged* of personal flight could be arriving with BlackFly. He said: "I've noticed *on / in* my career that things go from impossible to inevitable in a very short period *off / of* time."

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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H_m_n_t_y _s _s_t _t_ _n_t_r _ _n_w _r_ _f t_r_n_s_p_r_t
_s _f_l_y_n_g c_r c__ld g__n s_l_ n_x_t y__r.
Th_ B_l_c_k_F_l_y __r_b_r_n_ v_h_c_l_ w_s _n_v__l_d b
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. FLYING CARS: Make a poster about flying cars. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. TRANSPORT: Write a magazine article about flying cars being the future of transport. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on flying cars. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your opinions on them. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. e 2. c 3. b 4. f 5. a 6. g 7. d
8. m 9. k 10. n 11. h 12. j 13. i 14. l

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- a F b T c T d T e T f F g F h F

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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| 1. set | a. ready |
| 2. unveiled | b. shown |
| 3. eventually | c. in the long run |
| 4. authorized | d. allowed |
| 5. training | e. instruction |
| 6. critics | f. reviewers |
| 7. accurate | g. correct |
| 8. restrictions | h. limitations |
| 9. noticed | i. observed |
| 10. inevitable | j. unavoidable |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. Transport
2. Opener
3. 100kph
4. A pilot's license
5. Training
6. The term "car"
7. One
8. Eight
9. The art of flight
10. A very short period of time

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

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2. A car could go on sale next year.
3. Even though it will take to the skies.
4. A pilot's license to get behind the controls.
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7. The vehicle can only carry one person.
8. Opener is re-energizing the art of flight.
9. Free its operators from the everyday restrictions.
10. The age of personal flight could be arriving.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. b 2. d 3. c 4. a 5. b 6. a 7. c 8. a 9. d 10. c

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)