The Ford Mustang Mach 1 car is back

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The U.S. motor vehicle manufacturer Ford Motor Company is bringing back its legendary Mustang Mach 1 car. The classic, high-power sports car was first produced in 1964. It is one of the most famous and recognisable cars ever produced. It has starred in many movies, such as "Bullitt" in 1968 and "Fast and Furious: Tokyo Drift" in 2006. It has also played a central role in many American TV shows. The new Mach 1 has a V-8, 5.0-litre high-performance engine. Prices will start from $36,725. A Ford spokesman said: "Mach 1 has a special place in Mustang history. Like the original, the all-new Mustang Mach 1 will be true to its heritage. It will deliver great looks and [be the best racing] Mustang ever."

The Mustang was developed as a stylish, sporty, open-top convertible in 1964. Managers at Ford originally predicted it would sell 100,000 of the cars a year. However, the Mustang became the most successful vehicle launch since the Ford Model A in 1927. Ford sold over 400,000 Mustangs in 1965 and recorded sales of over one million a year later. The car's sporty looks made it very popular. This led to other car makers producing what people called "muscle cars". These included the Chevrolet Camaro and Pontiac Firebird. A car analyst said: "The heritage of the Mach 1 invokes a sense of speed." Ford is hoping the new Mustang Mach 1 will stay in people's hearts and add to its long history.

Sources: detroitnews.com / carmagazine.co.uk / wikipedia.org /

Writing

Sports cars are the best cars you can buy. Discuss.

Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

motor / vehicle / legendary / sports car / movies / TV shows / performance / engine / stylish / predicted / launch / one million / muscle / heritage / sense / speed / heart

True / False

a) The article described the Mustang Mach 1 as being legendary. T / F

b) The article said the Mach 1 is the most famous car ever made. T / F

c) The Mach 1 starred in a Fast and Furious movie in 1968. T / F

d) The new Mach one has a V-5, 8-litre engine. T / F

e) The Mustang Mach 1 was first made in 1964. T / F

f) Ford sold over a million Mustang Mach 1s in its first three years. T / F

g) The Mach 1 is one of a group of cars called "muscle cars". T / F

h) Ford said it hopes the Mach 1 will stay in people's brains. T / F

Synonym Match

(The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

1.	manufacturer	a.	well-liked
2.	legendary	b.	representative
3.	role	c.	remain
4.	spokesman	d.	famous
5.	heritage	e.	forecast
6.	predicted	f.	achieved
7.	recorded	g.	maker
8.	popular	h.	feeling
9.	sense	i.	part
10.	stay	j.	history

Discussion – Student A

a) What do you think of sports cars?

b) What do you know about the Ford Mustang?

c) Why do people like sports cars?

d) Would you like a sports car?

e) How important is a big engine in a car?

f) What are the good things about sports cars?

g) What do you think of the name "Mustang Mach 1"?

h) What is your favourite car, and why?

Phrase Match

1. The U.S. motor
2. one of the most famous and
3. It has starred
4. It has also played a central role in
5. be true to
6. a stylish, sporty, open-
7. the most successful vehicle launch
8. recorded sales
9. what people called
10. the new Mustang Mach 1 will

a. of over one million
b. many American TV shows
c. stay in people's hearts
d. recognisable cars ever
e. top convertible
f. "muscle cars"
g. vehicle manufacturer
h. since the Ford Model A
i. in many movies
j. its heritage

Discussion – Student B

a) What do you think about what you read?
b) What do you know about Ford?
c) Should sports cars have smaller engines to protect the environment?
d) Do you like being in a fast car?
e) What are the bad things about sports cars?
f) Would you like to race a Mustang Mach 1?
g) Are there any cars that are in your heart?
h) What questions would you like to ask Ford?

Spelling

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Role Play

Role A – Big Engine
You think a big engine is the most important feature for a car. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their features aren't as bad. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): a convertible roof, being green or fuel economy.

Role B – Convertible Roof
You think a convertible roof is the most important feature for a car. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their features aren't as bad. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): a big engine, being green or fuel economy.

Role C – Being Green
You think being green is the most important feature for a car. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their features aren't as bad. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): a convertible roof, a big engine or fuel economy.

Role D – Fuel Economy
You think fuel economy is the most important feature for a car. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their features aren't as bad. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): a convertible roof, being green or a big engine.

Speaking – Features

Rank these with your partner. Put the best features a car should have at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- 4WD
- TV
- GPS
- Green
- Convertible roof
- Big engine
- Fuel economy
- Alloy wheels

Answers – Synonym Match

1. g	2. d	3. i	4. b	5. j
6. e	7. f	8. a	9. h	10. c

Answers – True False

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

Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.