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Level 1 – 24th January, 2021

Electric-car battery charges in five minutes

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

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2101/210124-car-battery-1.html>

Electric cars will replace petrol cars in the future. This will cut CO2 levels in the atmosphere. Charging the battery is a problem. Some batteries take up to 12 hours to charge. A company has made a lithium-ion battery that can charge in just five minutes. This is how long it takes to fill a tank of gas with petrol. The new batteries were created by an Israeli company. They are being made by a company in China.

The new batteries could change driving. Electric cars will travel as far as petrol cars. Electric cars can give people "range anxiety". This is worrying about the battery running out of power. Drivers are afraid they will get stuck on a highway, or will have to sit in a charging station for two hours. A spokesperson said there will be "a revolution" in charging batteries. He said the switch from petrol to electric will happen quickly.

Sources: <https://www.businessinsider.com/fast-charging-electric-car-battery-5-minutes-2021-1>
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PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2101/210124-car-battery-1.html>

PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. cut CO2 levels in | a. with petrol |
| 2. take up to 12 hours | b. five minutes |
| 3. made a lithium-ion | c. the atmosphere |
| 4. charge in just | d. a company in China |
| 5. This is how long | e. to charge |
| 6. fill a tank of gas | f. Israeli company |
| 7. created by an | g. it takes |
| 8. They are being made by | h. battery |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. travel as far | a. afraid |
| 2. the battery running out | b. to electric |
| 3. Drivers are | c. station |
| 4. get stuck on a | d. quickly |
| 5. sit in a charging | e. of power |
| 6. a revolution in | f. highway |
| 7. the switch from petrol | g. as petrol cars |
| 8. happen | h. charging batteries |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2101/210124-car-battery-1.html>

Electric cars will replace petrol cars (1) _____.

This will cut CO2 (2) _____ atmosphere.

Charging the battery (3) _____. Some batteries

take up to 12 hours to charge. A company has made a lithium-ion

battery that (4) _____ just five minutes. This is

how long it takes to fill a (5) _____ with petrol.

The new batteries were created by an Israeli company. They are

being (6) _____ company in China.

The new batteries (7) _____. Electric cars will

travel as far as petrol cars. Electric cars can give

(8) _____. This is worrying about the battery

running out of power. Drivers (9) _____ will get

stuck on a highway, or will have (10) _____ a

charging station for two hours. A spokesperson said there will

(11) _____ in charging batteries. He said the

switch (12) _____ electric will happen quickly.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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CAR BATTERIES SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2101/210124-car-battery-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about car batteries 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) _____

WRITING

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Write about **car batteries** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner’s paper.
