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Level 2 – 24th January, 2021

Electric-car battery charges in five minutes

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2101/210124-car-battery-2.html>

Car makers are making more electric cars. They will replace petrol cars in the future. This will cut the amount of CO2 in the atmosphere. A big problem is charging the battery. Some batteries in electric cars can take up to 12 hours to charge. However, a company in Israel says it has made a lithium-ion battery that can charge in just five minutes. This is the same amount of time it takes to fill a tank of gas. The new lithium-ion batteries were developed by the Israeli company StoreDot. They are manufactured by a Chinese company called Eve Energy.

The new batteries could transform driving. Electric cars could travel as far as petrol cars. Electric cars can give people "range anxiety". This is stress caused by worrying about the battery running out of power. A spokesperson said: "You're either afraid that you're going to get stuck on the highway, or that you're going to need to sit in a charging station for two hours." He added: "We're at the point of achieving a revolution in the electric vehicle charging experience". He said the switch from petrol to electric will happen quickly.

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. making more | a. Chinese company |
| 2. replace petrol cars | b. to charge |
| 3. cut the amount of CO2 in | c. electric cars |
| 4. A big problem is charging | d. of gas |
| 5. take up to 12 hours | e. the battery |
| 6. charge in just | f. in the future |
| 7. fill a tank | g. five minutes |
| 8. manufactured by a | h. the atmosphere |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---|-------------------|
| 1. travel as far | a. of power |
| 2. Electric cars can give people "range | b. revolution |
| 3. This is stress caused | c. anxiety" |
| 4. the battery running out | d. to electric |
| 5. get stuck on | e. by worrying |
| 6. sit in a charging station | f. the highway |
| 7. at the point of achieving a | g. as petrol cars |
| 8. the switch from petrol | h. for two hours |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Car makers (1) _____ electric cars. They will replace petrol cars in the future. This will (2) _____ of CO2 in the atmosphere. A big problem is charging the battery. Some batteries in electric cars (3) _____ to 12 hours to charge. However, a company in Israel says it has made a lithium-ion battery that (4) _____ just five minutes. This is the same (5) _____ it takes to fill a tank of gas. The new lithium-ion batteries were developed by the Israeli company StoreDot. (6) _____ by a Chinese company called Eve Energy.

The new batteries (7) _____. Electric cars could travel as far as petrol cars. Electric cars can give people "range anxiety". This (8) _____ by worrying about the battery running (9) _____. A spokesperson said: "You're either afraid that you're going to get stuck on the highway, or that you're going to (10) _____ in a charging station for two hours." He added: "We're at the (11) _____ a revolution in the electric vehicle charging experience". He said the switch from petrol to electric (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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CAR BATTERIES SURVEY

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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.
