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Mercedes makes mind-control car

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THE ARTICLE

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Cars are becoming more and more technologically advanced. In the past decade, we have seen improvements in electric car technology and driverless cars. The latest advance comes from Mercedes-Benz. The luxury carmaker has unveiled a car that lets you use your mind to control certain things. The car giant unveiled its futuristic car at the IAA Mobility show in Munich earlier this week. The car is called Vision AVTR. The four capitalized letters at the end of its name are to make people think of the movie Avatar. This movie was about using the brain to connect with nature. A Mercedes spokesperson said the car would not be available for purchase any time soon. It is currently in the concept stage of production.

Mercedes is using a technology called brain-computer interface (BCI) in the Vision AVTR. The car's computers "read" brain signals and translate them into actions. Mercedes says the system needs about a minute to get to understand a new driver's thought processes. The driver will then be able to perform certain functions in the car using just their thoughts. Mercedes spokeswoman Britta Seeger spoke about how exciting she thought the futuristic car was. She said: "Mercedes-Benz is setting another milestone in the merging of man and machine." The Mercedes website says: "As soon as you get in, the car becomes an extension of your own body and a tool to discover the environment."

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<https://www.thesun.co.uk/tech/16065137/new-mercedes-vision-avtr-mind-control-brain/>

WARM-UPS

1. MERCEDES: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about Mercedes. 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?

cars / advanced / decade / technology / luxury / carmaker / futuristic / nature / stage technology / computers / translate / driver / exciting / milestone / website / tool

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

3. LUXURY: Students A **strongly** believe companies should not be making luxury cars; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. MIND CONTROL: What would these things be like if we could control them with our minds? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Good Things	Bad Things
Our car		
Our house		
Our smartphone		
Shopping malls		
Other people		
Games		

5. DECADE: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "decade". 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 best kinds of cars at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Sports cars
- Classic cars
- Sedans
- Jeeps
- Stretch limousines
- 7-seaters
- SUVs
- Small cars

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|-----------------|---|
| 1. advanced | a. A period of ten years. |
| 2. decade | b. Great comfort, especially when involving expensive things. |
| 3. improvements | c. Far on or ahead in development or progress. |
| 4. luxury | d. Some things but not others. |
| 5. unveiled | e. Showed or announced publicly for the first time. |
| 6. certain | f. Buy. |
| 7. purchase | g. Examples of getting better. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|----------------|---|
| 8. interface | h. A part that is added to something to make it larger or longer. |
| 9. translate | i. Carry out an action, task, or function. |
| 10. process | j. Having or involving very modern technology or design. |
| 11. perform | k. A program that lets a user communicate with a computer. |
| 12. futuristic | l. Change something into another form. |
| 13. merging | m. Joining to make a single thing. |
| 14. extension | n. A series of actions or steps taken in order to do something. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2109/210909-mind-control-car.html>

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

1. Cars are becoming less technologically advanced. **T / F**
2. The car was unveiled at the New York Motor Show. **T / F**
3. Mercedes named the car based on the movie *Avatar*. **T / F**
4. The Mercedes car will be on sale from next year. **T / F**
5. Computers in the car spend one minute "reading" the driver's mind. **T / F**
6. A spokeswoman said the car wasn't so futuristic. **T / F**
7. A spokeswoman said the car shows man and machine were joining. **T / F**
8. Mercedes said the car would allow people to discover the environment. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- | | |
|----------------------|---------------------|
| 1. decade | a. addition |
| 2. latest | b. activity |
| 3. unveiled | c. idea |
| 4. connect | d. joining |
| 5. concept | e. most recent |
| 6. translate | f. 10 years |
| 7. processes | g. putting in place |
| 8. setting | h. link |
| 9. merging | i. change |
| 10. extension | j. showed |

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

- | | |
|--|-----------------------------|
| 1. Cars are becoming more and more | a. brain-computer interface |
| 2. In the past | b. futuristic car |
| 3. The luxury | c. discover the environment |
| 4. The car giant unveiled its | d. with nature |
| 5. using the brain to connect | e. certain functions |
| 6. Mercedes is using a technology called | f. technologically advanced |
| 7. read brain signals and translate | g. and machine |
| 8. The driver will then be able to perform | h. decade |
| 9. the merging of man | i. them into actions |
| 10. a tool to | j. carmaker |

GAP FILL

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Cars are becoming more and (1) _____ technologically advanced. In the past (2) _____, we have seen improvements in electric car technology and driverless cars. The latest (3) _____ comes from Mercedes-Benz. The luxury carmaker has unveiled a car that lets you use your mind to control (4) _____ things. The car giant unveiled its futuristic car at the IAA Mobility show in Munich (5) _____ this week. The car is called Vision AVTR. The four capitalized letters at the (6) _____ of its name are to make people think of the movie Avatar. This movie was about using the brain to (7) _____ with nature. A Mercedes spokesperson said the car would not be available for purchase any time soon. It is currently in the concept (8) _____ of production.

advance
connect
earlier
more
certain
stage
decade
end

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driver
exciting
translate
tool
interface
merging
thought
just

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) Cars are becoming more and more _____
 - a. technologically advance
 - b. technologically advanced
 - c. technologically advance
 - d. technologically advancing
- 2) we have seen improvements in electric car technology _____
 - a. and drivers less cars
 - b. and driver lest cars
 - c. and drive alas cars
 - d. and driverless cars
- 3) The luxury carmaker has unveiled a car that lets you use your mind to _____
 - a. control certain things
 - b. control curtain things
 - c. control sir tin things
 - d. control cert in things
- 4) This movie was about using the brain to _____
 - a. connect wither nature
 - b. connect within nature
 - c. connect with nature
 - d. connect without nature
- 5) the car would not be available for purchase any time soon. It is currently in _____
 - a. the cons step stage
 - b. the con except stage
 - c. the concept stage
 - d. the concert stage
- 6) The car's computers "read" brain signals and translate _____
 - a. them into actions
 - b. them onto actions
 - c. them unto actions
 - d. them in two actions
- 7) the system needs about a minute to get to understand a new _____
 - a. driver's taught processes
 - b. driver's throughout processes
 - c. driver's fought processes
 - d. driver's thought processes
- 8) The driver will then be able to perform certain functions in the car using _____
 - a. justly their thoughts
 - b. just their thoughts
 - c. adjust their thoughts
 - d. justice their thoughts
- 9) Mercedes-Benz is setting another milestone in the _____ and machine
 - a. emerging of man
 - b. emergency man
 - c. merge gin of man
 - d. merging of man
- 10) As soon as you get in, the car becomes an extension of your own body _____
 - a. and day tool
 - b. end a tool
 - c. and a tool
 - d. an day tool

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2109/210909-mind-control-car.html>

1. What does the article say is becoming more technologically advanced?
2. In which city was the car unveiled?
3. What movie influenced the name of the car?
4. When will people be able to buy the car?
5. What stage of production is the car in?
6. What does BCI mean?
7. How long does the car need to read the driver's brain?
8. Who is Britta Seeger?
9. What does Mercedes say the car becomes an extension of?
10. What will the car allow people to discover?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2109/210909-mind-control-car.html>

- 1) What does the article say is becoming more technologically advanced?
 - a) roads
 - b) batteries
 - c) cars
 - d) transport
- 2) In which city was the car unveiled?
 - a) Munich
 - b) New York
 - c) Tokyo
 - d) Buenos Aires
- 3) What movie influenced the name of the car?
 - a) Frozen
 - b) Avatar
 - c) Titanic
 - d) Baby Driver
- 4) When will people be able to buy the car?
 - a) in two years
 - b) never
 - c) next year
 - d) no time soon
- 5) What stage of production is the car in?
 - a) a assembly stage
 - b) the final stage
 - c) the concept stage
 - d) the third stage
- 6) What does BCI mean?
 - a) battery compartment in-tray
 - b) brain-computer interface
 - c) brake-combustion ignition
 - d) big computer idea
- 7) How long does the car need to read the driver's brain?
 - a) a few seconds
 - b) an hour
 - c) a millisecond
 - d) about a minute
- 8) Who is Britta Seeger?
 - a) a brain expert
 - b) a Mercedes spokesperson
 - c) a battery maker
 - d) a journalist
- 9) What does Mercedes say the car becomes an extension of?
 - a) technology
 - b) our body
 - c) the brain
 - d) society
- 10) What will the car allow people to discover?
 - a) the environment
 - b) themselves
 - c) speed
 - d) the future

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Sports Cars

You think sports cars are the best cars. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their cars. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): small cars, SUVs or stretch limousines.

Role B – Small Cars

You think small cars are the best cars. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their cars. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): sports cars, SUVs or stretch limousines.

Role C – SUVs

You think SUVs are the best cars. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their cars. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): small cars, sports cars or stretch limousines.

Role D – Stretch Limousines

You think stretch limousines are the best cars. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their cars. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): small cars, SUVs or sports cars.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2109/210909-mind-control-car.html>

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

mind	control
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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">• advanced• latest• mind• four• connect• stage	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• signals• system• perform• spoke• machine• body
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MIND CONTROL SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about mind control 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.

MIND CONTROL 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 'mind control'?
3. What do you know about Mercedes?
4. What kinds of cars do you like?
5. Are high-tech cars better than old cars?
6. What do you think of electric cars?
7. What do you think of driverless cars?
8. Do you like futuristic things?
9. Would you like to control things with your mind?
10. What will cars be like in 50 years from now?

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MIND CONTROL 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. What do you think of Mercedes?
15. Would you like to control things in your house with your mind?
16. What are the dangers of a mind-controlled car?
17. What do you think of the merging of humans and machines?
18. Can a car become an extension of your body?
19. What would you like to control with your mind?
20. What questions would you like to ask the boss of Mercedes?

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) ahead | (b) forwarding | (c) improve | (d) advanced |
| 2. | (a) velvet | (b) valet | (c) veiled | (d) unveiled |
| 3. | (a) gigantic | (b) giant | (c) gallant | (d) gaunt |
| 4. | (a) capped | (b) catapulted | (c) capitalized | (d) capitol |
| 5. | (a) uses | (b) use | (c) using | (d) usage |
| 6. | (a) for | (b) by | (c) at | (d) of |
| 7. | (a) of | (b) in | (c) at | (d) to |
| 8. | (a) to | (b) for | (c) on | (d) at |
| 9. | (a) adjust | (b) just | (c) justly | (d) justice |
| 10. | (a) excite | (b) excitement | (c) exciting | (d) excites |
| 11. | (a) pride | (b) positively | (c) merging | (d) happened |
| 12. | (a) gear | (b) stuff | (c) equipment | (d) tool |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. more technologically ndeadvca
2. The xulyur carmaker
3. The car giant unveiled its tisruitfuc car
4. The four laiztpicade letters
5. the car would not be available for shacepru
6. in the npteocc stage of production

Paragraph 2

7. a technology called brain-computer feteicarn
8. tetsnaral them into actions
9. a new driver's thought rsceopsse
10. perform certain nconfisut
11. the irmngge of man and machine
12. an etosnxeni of your own body

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2109/210909-mind-control-car.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () to understand a new driver's thought processes. The driver will then be able to perform certain
- () car at the IAA Mobility show in Munich earlier this week. The car is called Vision AVTR. The four capitalized
- () carmaker has unveiled a car that lets you use your mind to control certain things. The car giant unveiled its futuristic
- () Mercedes is using a technology called brain-computer interface (BCI) in the Vision AVTR. The car's computers "read" brain
- () signals and translate them into actions. Mercedes says the system needs about a minute to get
- () of man and machine." The Mercedes website says: "As soon as you get in, the car becomes
- () an extension of your own body and a tool to discover the environment."
- () available for purchase any time soon. It is currently in the concept stage of production.
- () functions in the car using just their thoughts. Mercedes spokeswoman Britta Seeger spoke about how exciting she
- () in electric car technology and driverless cars. The latest advance comes from Mercedes-Benz. The luxury
- () about using the brain to connect with nature. A Mercedes spokesperson said the car would not be
- () thought the futuristic car was. She said: "Mercedes-Benz is setting another milestone in the merging
- () letters at the end of its name are to make people think of the movie Avatar. This movie was
- (**1**) Cars are becoming more and more technologically advanced. In the past decade, we have seen improvements

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2109/210909-mind-control-car.html>

1. becoming more advanced . Cars are more and technologically
2. electric have in seen technology . We car improvements
3. use that your car mind . A you lets
4. its car giant futuristic The unveiled car .
5. in It's stage of currently production . the concept
6. interface . technology Mercedes using a is brain-computer called
7. Get understand a to new driver's thought processes .
8. the How was . futuristic thought she car exciting
9. man merging milestone machine . Another and in
10. becomes body . an extension The your of car

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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Cars are becoming more and *more / most* technologically advanced. In the past decade, we have seen *improves / improvements* in electric car technology and driverless cars. The latest advance *coming / comes* from Mercedes-Benz. The luxury carmaker has *veiled / unveiled* a car that lets you use your mind to control *certain / curtain* things. The car giant unveiled its futuristic car at the IAA Mobility show in Munich earlier *next / this* week. The car is called Vision AVTR. The four capitalized *numbers / letters* at the end of its name are to make people think of the movie Avatar. This movie was about using the brain *for / to* connect with nature. A Mercedes spokesperson said the car would not *be / have* available for purchase any time soon. It is currently in the *contact / concept* stage of production.

Mercedes is *useful / using* a technology called brain-computer interface (BCI) in the Vision AVTR. The car's computers "read" *brainy / brain* signals and translate them into actions. Mercedes says the system needs about *the / a* minute to get to understand a *new / newt* driver's thought processes. The driver will then be able to *reform / perform* certain functions in the car using *adjust / just* their thoughts. Mercedes spokeswoman Britta Seeger spoke about how exciting she thought the *futurism / futuristic* car was. She said: "Mercedes-Benz is setting another milestone in the *merging / purging* of man and machine." The Mercedes website says: "As *once / soon* as you get in, the car becomes an extension of your own body and a tool to discover the *environmental / environment*."

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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Mercedes is using technology called brain-computer interface (BCI) in the Vision VTR. The car's computers "read" brain signals and translate them into actions. Mercedes says the system needs about a month to get to understand a new driver's thought processes. The driver will then be able to perform certain functions in the car using just their thoughts. Mercedes spokeswoman Britt Sager spoke about how exciting she thought the futuristic car was. She said: "Mercedes-Benz is setting a new milestone in the merging of man and machine." The Mercedes website says: "As soon as you get in, the car becomes an extension of your own body and totally disappears into your environment."

PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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cars are becoming more and more technologically advanced in the past decade we have seen improvements in electric car technology and driverless cars the latest advance comes from mercedesbenz the luxury carmaker has unveiled a car that lets you use your mind to control certain things the car giant unveiled its futuristic car at the iaa mobility show in munich earlier this week the car is called vision avtr the four capitalized letters at the end of its name are to make people think of the movie avatar this movie was about using the brain to connect with nature a mercedes spokesperson said the car would not be available for purchase any time soon it is currently in the concept stage of production

mercedes is using a technology called braincomputer interface bci in the vision avtr the cars computers read brain signals and translate them into actions mercedes says the system needs about a minute to get to understand a new drivers thought processes the driver will then be able to perform certain functions in the car using just their thoughts mercedes spokeswoman britta seeger spoke about how exciting she thought the futuristic car was she said mercedesbenz is setting another milestone in the merging of man and machine the mercedes website says as soon as you get in the car becomes an extension of your own body and a tool to discover the environment

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2109/210909-mind-control-car.html>

Cars are becoming more and more technologically advanced. In the past decade, we have seen improvements in electric car technology and driveless cars. The latest advance comes from Mercedes-Benz. The luxury car maker has unveiled a car that lets you use your mind to control certain things. The car giant unveiled its futuristic car at the IAAMobility show in Munich earlier this week. The car is called Vision AVTR. The four capitalized letters at the end of its name are to make people think of the movie Avatar. This movie was about using the brain to connect with nature. A Mercedes spokesman said the car would not be available for purchase anytime soon. It is currently in the concept stage of production. Mercedes is using a technology called brain-computer interface (BCI) in the Vision AVTR. The car's computers "read" brain signals and translate them into actions. Mercedes says the system needs about a minute to get to understand a new driver's thought processes. The driver will then be able to perform certain functions in the car using just their thoughts. Mercedes spokeswoman Britta Seeger spoke about how exciting she thought the futuristic car was. She said: "Mercedes-Benz is setting another milestone in the merging of man and machine." The Mercedes website says: "As soon as you get in, the car becomes an extension of your own body and a tool to discover the environment."

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. MIND CONTROL: Make a poster about mind control. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. FUTURISTIC CARS: Write a magazine article about making all cars driverless and mind-controlled. 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 cars. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your ideas on how to make cars better. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

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

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- 1 F 2 F 3 T 4 F 5 T 6 F 7 T 8 T

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

- Cars
- Munich
- Avatar
- Not any time soon
- The concept stage
- Brain-computer interface
- About a minute
- A Mercedes spokeswoman
- Our body
- The environment

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

- Cars are becoming more and more technologically advanced.
- We have seen improvements in electric car technology.
- A car that lets you use your mind.
- The car giant unveiled its futuristic car.
- It's currently in the concept stage of production.
- Mercedes is using a technology called brain-computer interface.
- Get to understand a new driver's thought processes.
- How exciting she thought the futuristic car was.
- Another milestone in merging man and machine.
- The car becomes an extension of your body.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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