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**Level 5 – 22nd May 2023**

## **China set to become world's largest car maker**

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**Please try Levels 4 and 6. They are (a little) harder.**

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2305/230522-chinese-car-companies-5.html>

China will soon be the largest vehicle exporter for the first time. In the first quarter of 2023, it overtook car-making giants Japan and Germany. Chinese manufacturers exported more than 1.06 million vehicles in the first three months of 2023. They overtook Japan's number of 1.05 million. China's car industry has advanced a lot. Throughout the 2010s, it produced around a million cars a year. That doubled to two million in 2021 and then to three million in 2022. China is forecast to quadruple production from four years ago to be the world's largest auto exporter.

China is also leading the way in electric vehicles (EVs). Tesla has a giant "gigafactory" in China. It has a capacity of 1.25 million vehicles a year, but is yet to make that amount. The factory exports many cars to Canada, Europe and Japan. Tesla is about to lose its crown as the world's largest EV maker to China's BYD. Last month, BYD launched a compact EV with a starting price of \$11,000. The top country China exports cars to is Russia. Exports to Russia have been boosted by Western countries putting trade sanctions on Moscow.

Sources: <https://carnewschina.com/2023/05/13/china-became-the-worlds-largest-vehicle-exporter-in-q1-2023-surpassing-japan/>  
<https://www.bbc.com/news/business-65643064>  
<https://www.businessinsider.com/cheap-chinese-electric-cars-will-upend-the-us-vehicle-market-2023-5>

# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                             |                         |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. In the first             | a. advanced a lot       |
| 2. it overtook car-making   | b. quadruple production |
| 3. Chinese manufacturers    | c. Japan's number       |
| 4. They overtook            | d. auto exporter        |
| 5. China's car industry has | e. giants               |
| 6. That doubled             | f. exported more        |
| 7. China is forecast to     | g. to two million       |
| 8. the world's largest      | h. quarter of 2023      |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                |                          |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. China is also leading       | a. boosted               |
| 2. Tesla has a giant           | b. lose its crown        |
| 3. a capacity of               | c. on Moscow             |
| 4. Tesla is about to           | d. the way               |
| 5. BYD launched a              | e. 1.25 million vehicles |
| 6. The top country China       | f. compact EV            |
| 7. Exports to Russia have been | g. exports cars to       |
| 8. putting trade sanctions     | h. gigafactory           |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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China will soon be the largest (1) \_\_\_\_\_ the first time. In the first quarter of 2023, (2) \_\_\_\_\_ - making giants Japan and Germany. Chinese manufacturers exported more than 1.06 (3) \_\_\_\_\_ the first three months of 2023. They overtook Japan's number of 1.05 million. China's car industry has (4) \_\_\_\_\_. Throughout the 2010s, it produced around a million cars a year. That doubled to two million in 2021 and (5) \_\_\_\_\_ million in 2022. China is (6) \_\_\_\_\_ production from four years ago to be the world's largest auto exporter.

China is also (7) \_\_\_\_\_ in electric vehicles (EVs). Tesla has a giant "gigafactory" in China. It has a capacity of 1.25 million vehicles a year, but is yet to (8) \_\_\_\_\_. The factory exports many cars to Canada, Europe and Japan. Tesla is about to (9) \_\_\_\_\_ as the world's largest EV maker to China's BYD. Last month, BYD (10) \_\_\_\_\_ EV with a starting price of \$11,000. The top country China exports cars to is Russia. Exports to Russia (11) \_\_\_\_\_ by Western countries putting (12) \_\_\_\_\_ Moscow.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# CHINESE CAR COMPANIES SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2305/230522-chinese-car-companies-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about Chinese car companies 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) \_\_\_\_\_

