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Trump wants US to have tiny 'kei' cars after Japan trip

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THE ARTICLE

From [https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2512/251208-tiny-kei-cars.html](https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2025/12/251208-tiny-kei-cars.html)

A momentous change might be coming to American roads following a visit to Japan by U.S. President Donald Trump. America's ubiquitous, muscular SUVs may soon be usurped by a four-seater, 660 cc car that is hugely popular in Japan — the "kei car". President Trump seems to have developed a particular fondness for this miniature automobile. He wants to pave the way for kei cars to be manufactured in the USA. He wrote on his Truth Social website: "I have just approved tiny cars to be built in America. Manufacturers have long wanted to do this, just like they are so successfully built in other countries." He added that the cars were "inexpensive, safe, fuel efficient, and quite simply, amazing".

In Japan, kei cars account for around a third of all new vehicle sales. They are ideally suited to the narrow streets of Japan's bustling, densely populated cities. However, legislation needs to be passed to make the cars road-legal in the USA. The website Quartz reported that: "Most kei cars don't clear federal rules, and there are lingering concerns that the vehicles are too small and slow to be driven safely...on highways." Trump has directed his Transportation Secretary, Sean Duffy, to remove all barriers to their production. Mr Duffy said: "If Toyota or any other company wants to make smaller, more affordable and fuel-efficient cars, we have cleared the deck so they can...sell them in America."

Sources: <https://www.japantimes.co.jp/business/2025/12/04/companies/trump-kei-cars/>
<https://qz.com/trump-tiny-cars-kei-japan>
<https://www.newsweek.com/donald-trump-issues-order-start-producing-smaller-cars-11154208>

WARM-UPS

1. TINY CARS: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about tiny cars. 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?

momentous / change / American roads / SUVs / 650 cc cars / built in America / cars / vehicle sales / narrow streets / densely populated / barriers / fuel efficient / affordable

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

3. ENGINE SIZE LIMIT: Students A **strongly** believe all cars should be limited to a maximum engine size of 1000 cc; Students B **strongly** believe otherwise. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. CARS: What are the pros and cons of these cars? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Pros	Cons
Kei cars		
Hybrids		
SUVs		
Sports cars		
Limousines		
Pickup Trucks		

5. ROADS: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "roads". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. JAPANESE THINGS: Rank these with your partner. Put the best at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Kei cars
- Origami
- Manga
- Matcha
- Karaoke
- Bullet trains
- Capsule toys
- Sushi

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|------------------|--|
| 1. momentous | a. People or companies that make products. |
| 2. ubiquitous | b. Became more common than something else. |
| 3. usurped | c. Very small; a tiny version of something. |
| 4. fondness | d. Very important. |
| 5. miniature | e. Help something happen later. |
| 6. pave the way | f. Found or seen everywhere; very common. |
| 7. manufacturers | g. A warm, happy feeling about someone or something. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|----------------------|---|
| 8. account for | h. Related to a country's main government. |
| 9. bustling | i. Staying (hanging around) for a long time; not going away. |
| 10. densely | j. Removed things/obstacles to get ready for action or for something new. |
| 11. federal | k. Full of activity and noise. |
| 12. lingering | l. Something used to carry people or things, like a car or bus. |
| 13. vehicle | m. With many people or things close together. |
| 14. cleared the deck | n. Make up part of something; constitute. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2512/251208-tiny-kei-cars.html>

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

1. The article said the USA is going to make its roads narrower. **T / F**
2. The maximum engine size of a Japanese kei car is 660 cc. **T / F**
3. President Donald Trump wants more pavements in the USA. **T / F**
4. Donald Trump said Japan's kei cars were "simply amazing". **T / F**
5. Around half of all new cars in Japan are kei cars. **T / F**
6. It is legal to drive kei cars on American highways. **T / F**
7. Donald Trump said he wants barriers removed on American roads. **T / F**
8. The US Transportation Secretary hopes the USA can sell kei cars. **T / F**

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

- | | |
|---------------------------|----------------|
| 1. momentous | a. remaining |
| 2. ubiquitous | b. low-priced |
| 3. usurped | c. very common |
| 4. pave the way | d. laws |
| 5. inexpensive | e. prepare for |
| 6. suited | f. worries |
| 7. legislation | g. important |
| 8. lingering | h. matched |
| 9. concerns | i. economical |
| 10. fuel-efficient | j. took over |

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

- | | |
|--|----------------------------------|
| 1. A momentous change | a. for this miniature automobile |
| 2. America's ubiquitous, muscular | b. production |
| 3. a four-seater, | c. of all new vehicle sales |
| 4. developed a particular fondness | d. make the cars road-legal |
| 5. safe, fuel efficient, and quite simply, | e. 660 cc car |
| 6. kei cars account for around a third | f. might be coming |
| 7. They are ideally suited | g. concerns |
| 8. legislation needs to be passed to | h. amazing |
| 9. there are lingering | i. SUVs |
| 10. remove all barriers to their | j. to the narrow streets |

GAP FILL

From [https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2512/251208-tiny-kei-cars.html](https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2012/251208-tiny-kei-cars.html)

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usurped
fondness
simply
coming
long
hugely
approved
pave

In Japan, kei cars (9) _____ for around a third of all new vehicle sales. They are (10) _____ suited to the narrow streets of Japan's bustling, densely populated cities. However, legislation needs to be passed to make the cars road-(11) _____ in the USA. The website Quartz reported that: "Most kei cars don't clear (12) _____ rules, and there are (13) _____ concerns that the vehicles are too small and slow to be driven safely...on highways." Trump has directed his Transportation Secretary, Sean Duffy, to remove all (14) _____ to their production. Mr Duffy said: "If Toyota or any other company wants to make smaller, more (15) _____ and fuel-efficient cars, we have cleared the (16) _____ so they can...sell them in America."

barriers
ideally
federal
deck
account
affordable
lingering
legal

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2512/251208-tiny-kei-cars.html>

- 1) A momentous change might be coming _____
 - a. to American road
 - b. to American roadies
 - c. to American roadsters
 - d. to American roads
- 2) America's ubiquitous, muscular SUVs may soon be usurped by _____
 - a. afford-seat
 - b. a four-sitar
 - c. afford-seater
 - d. a four-seater
- 3) President Trump seems to have developed a particular _____
 - a. fondness for this
 - b. fondues for this
 - c. found ness for this
 - d. frond ness for this
- 4) I have just approved tiny cars to be _____
 - a. built in America
 - b. built on America
 - c. building America
 - d. built tin America
- 5) the cars were inexpensive, safe, fuel efficient, and _____
 - a. quite simple, amazing
 - b. quite simply, amazingly
 - c. quite simply, amazing
 - d. quiet simply, amazing
- 6) In Japan, kei cars account for around a third of all _____
 - a. new vehicular sales
 - b. new vehicle sells
 - c. new vehicle sales
 - d. new vehicle sails
- 7) ideally suited to the narrow streets of Japan's bustling, _____
 - a. densely populate it cities
 - b. densely populated cities
 - c. densely populating cities
 - d. dense populated cities
- 8) there are lingering concerns that the vehicles are too small and slow to _____
 - a. be driven safety
 - b. been driven safely
 - c. be driven safely
 - d. be striven safely
- 9) Trump has directed his Transportation Secretary, Sean Duffy, to _____
 - a. remove all barrier
 - b. removal barriers
 - c. remove all barriers
 - d. removal barrier
- 10) make smaller, more affordable and fuel-efficient cars, we have _____
 - a. cleared the beck
 - b. cleared the deck
 - c. cleared the neck
 - d. cleared the peck

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From [https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2512/251208-tiny-kei-cars.html](https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2025/12/251208-tiny-kei-cars.html)

1. Where did President Trump go that sparked his interest in kei cars?
2. What is the engine size of the kei cars?
3. What has President Trump developed?
4. On what platform did President Trump write about the kei cars?
5. What did President Trump say car makers have long wanted to do?
6. How many of Japan's new vehicle sales are kei cars?
7. What in Japan are kei cars suited to?
8. What kind of concerns are there about kei cars in the USA?
9. What did President Trump ask the Transportation Secretary to remove?
10. What did the US Transportation Secretary say has been cleared?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2512/251208-tiny-kei-cars.html>

- | | |
|---|---|
| 1) Where did President Trump go that sparked his interest in kei cars?
a) an F1 track
b) Japan
c) a factory
d) Paris | 6) How many of Japan's new vehicle sales are kei cars?
a) around two-thirds
b) around a half
c) around a third
d) around three-quarters |
| 2) What is the engine size of the kei cars?
a) 999 cc
b) 666 cc
c) 1000 cc
d) 660 cc | 7) What in Japan are kei cars suited to?
a) mountains
b) travelling long distances
c) parking
d) narrow streets |
| 3) What has President Trump developed?
a) a fondness for kei cars
b) a new fuel
c) a Trump kei car
d) a new market | 8) What kind of concerns are there about kei cars in the USA?
a) lingering concerns
b) serious concerns
c) mild concerns
d) legitimate concerns |
| 4) On what platform did President Trump write about the kei cars?
a) X
b) Substack
c) Truth Social
d) Reddit | 9) What did President Trump ask the Transportation Secretary to remove?
a) barriers
b) road tolls
c) car taxes
d) fuel duties |
| 5) What did President Trump say car makers have long wanted to do?
a) reduce the size of their engines
b) make kei cars
c) sell cars in Japan
d) make fuel-efficient cars | 10) What did the US Transportation Secretary say has been cleared?
a) legislation
b) the decks
c) the roads
d) traffic jams |

ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2512/251208-tiny-kei-cars.html>

Role A – Kei Cars

You think kei cars are the best Japanese things. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as good. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): manga, matcha or karaoke.

Role B – Manga

You think manga is the best Japanese thing. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as good. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): kei cars, matcha or karaoke.

Role C – Matcha

You think matcha is the best Japanese thing. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as good. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): manga, kei cars or karaoke.

Role D – Karaoke

You think karaoke is the best Japanese thing. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as good. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): manga, matcha or kei cars.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2512/251208-tiny-kei-cars.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look online / in your dictionary to find collocates, information on, synonyms for... the words 'tiny' and 'cars'.

tiny	cars

- 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">• momentous• muscular• fondness• approved• wanted• safe	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• account• ideally• passed• slow• other• deck
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TINY CARS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2512/251208-tiny-kei-cars.html>

Write five GOOD questions about tiny cars 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.

TINY CARS 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 'SUV'?
3. What do you think of cars?
4. What do you think of SUVs and other large cars?
5. Are smaller or larger cars best?
6. What are the roads like in your country?
7. What do you think of the four-seater, 660 cc kei car?
8. How would you like to change roads in your country?
9. Should we limit the engine size of cars?
10. Do you think Americans will like tiny cars?

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TINY CARS 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. Should large cars be banned in cities?
15. How can we encourage people to buy tiny cars?
16. What are the safety concerns regarding tiny cars?
17. What do you think of Japanese cars?
18. What's your favourite car?
19. What will cars be like in 20 years from now?
20. What questions would you like to ask a kei car manufacturer?

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) moment | (b) memento | (c) momentous | (d) momentarily |
| 2. | (a) ubiquitous | (b) ubiquity | (c) oblique | (d) antiquity |
| 3. | (a) usurped | (b) usurps | (c) usurping | (d) usurp |
| 4. | (a) fondness | (b) fond | (c) fondling | (d) fondue |
| 5. | (a) adjust | (b) just | (c) justice | (d) justly |
| 6. | (a) amazement | (b) amazingly | (c) amazed | (d) amazing |
| 7. | (a) at | (b) to | (c) for | (d) by |
| 8. | (a) hustling | (b) basting | (c) bursting | (d) bustling |
| 9. | (a) clear | (b) adhere | (c) clarity | (d) clean |
| 10. | (a) tall | (b) all | (c) every | (d) whole |
| 11. | (a) afford | (b) affordable | (c) afforded | (d) affords |
| 12. | (a) cards | (b) gantry | (c) deck | (d) patio |

SPELLING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2012/251208-tiny-kei-cars.html>

Paragraph 1

1. A temnmsoou change might be coming
2. America's tuquibuiso, muscular SUVs
3. euurpds by a four-seater, 660 cc car
4. nmetiuar automobile
5. fmcauterunsar have long wanted to do this
6. fuel cfifitnee

Paragraph 2

7. a third of all new lcheeiv sales
8. Japan's unsglitb, densely populated cities
9. taieilglons needs to be passed
10. edaferl rules
11. there are gnigrienl concerns
12. more aodffaelrb

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2512/251208-tiny-kei-cars.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- (**1**) A momentous change might be coming to American roads following a visit to Japan
- () affordable and fuel-efficient cars, we have cleared the deck so they can...sell them in America."
- () by U.S. President Donald Trump. America's ubiquitous, muscular SUVs may soon be usurped by a four-
- () fondness for this miniature automobile. He wants to pave the way for kei cars to be
- () In Japan, kei cars account for around a third of all new vehicle sales. They are ideally
- () manufactured in the USA. He wrote on his Truth Social website: "I have just approved
- () passed to make the cars road-legal in the USA. The website Quartz reported that: "Most kei cars don't clear federal
- () rules, and there are lingering concerns that the vehicles are too small and slow to be driven
- () safely...on highways." Trump has directed his Transportation Secretary, Sean Duffy, to remove all barriers
- () seater, 660 cc car that is hugely popular in Japan — the "kei car". President Trump seems to have developed a particular
- () successfully built in other countries." He added that the cars were "inexpensive, safe, fuel efficient, and quite simply, amazing".
- () suited to the narrow streets of Japan's bustling, densely populated cities. However, legislation needs to be
- () tiny cars to be built in America. Manufacturers have long wanted to do this, just like they are so
- () to their production. Mr Duffy said: "If Toyota or any other company wants to make smaller, more

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2512/251208-tiny-kei-cars.html>

1. change Momentous be might to coming roads American .
2. Developed particular a for fondness miniature this automobile .
3. wants He pave to way the keis for .
4. Approved cars tiny America be to in built .
5. that added cars the inexpensive were . He
6. Around third a all of vehicle new sales .
7. are They suited ideally the to streets narrow .
8. Most cars kei clear don't rules federal .
9. Lingering that concerns vehicles the too are small .
10. the Cleared so deck can they them sell .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2017/20171208-tiny-kei-cars.html>

A momentous change might be *going* / *coming* to American roads following a visit to Japan by U.S. President Donald Trump. America's *ubiquity* / *ubiquitous*, muscular SUVs may soon be *usurped* / *subbed* by a four-seater, 660 cc car that is hugely *popular* / *popularity* in Japan — the "kei car". President Trump seems to have developed a particular *fond* / *fondness* for this miniature automobile. He wants to *pave* / *pavement* the way for kei cars to be manufactured in the USA. He wrote on his Truth Social website: "I have just approved *tinny* / *tiny* cars to be built in America. Manufacturers have *long* / *longing* wanted to do this, just like they are so successfully built in other countries." He added that the cars were "inexpensive, *safety* / *safe*, fuel efficient, and quite simply, *amazingly* / *amazing*".

In Japan, kei cars account *to* / *for* around a third of all new vehicle sales. They are *ideally* / *ideal* suited to the narrow streets of Japan's *bursting* / *bustling*, densely populated cities. However, *legislation* / *legislative* needs to be passed to make the cars road-legal in the USA. The website Quartz reported that: "Most kei cars don't clear *federally* / *federal* rules, and there are *lingering* / *lingered* concerns that the vehicles are too small and slow to be driven safely...on highways." Trump has *produced* / *directed* his Transportation Secretary, Sean Duffy, to remove *every* / *all* barriers to their production. Mr Duffy said: "If Toyota or *many* / *any* other company wants to make smaller, more affordable and fuel-efficient cars, we have cleared the deck *so* / *that* they can...sell them in America."

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct. Look up the definition of new words.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2025/12/251208-tiny-kei-cars.html>

_ m_m_nt_s ch_ng_ m_gh_t b_ c_m_ng t_ _m_r_c_n
r__ds f_ll_w_ng _ v_s_t t_ J_p_n by _S. Pr_s_d_nt
D_n_ld Tr_m_p. _m_r_c_'s _b_q__t__s, m_sc_l_r S_Vs
m_y s__n b_ _s_rp_d by _ f__r-s__t_r, 660 cc c_r
th_t _s h_g_ly p_p_l_r _n J_p_n — th_ "k__ c_r".
Pr_s_d_nt Tr_m_p s__ms t_ h_v_ d_v_l_p_d _ p_rt_c_l_r
f_ndn_ss f_r th_s m_n__t_r_ __t_m_b_l_. H_ w_nts t_
p_v_ th_ w_y f_r k__ c_rs t_ b_ m_n_f_ct_r_d _n th_
S. H_ wr_t_ _n h_s Tr_th S_c__l w_bs_t_: "_ h_v_
j_st _ppr_v_d t_ny c_rs t_ b_ b__lt _n _m_r_c_.
M_n_f_ct_r_rs h_v_ l_ng w_nt_d t_ d_ th_s, j_st l_k_
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_dd_d th_t th_ c_rs w_r_ "n_xp_ns_v_, s_f_, f__l
_ff_c__nt, _nd q__t_ s_mply, _m_z_ng".

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th_ v_h_cl_s _r_ t__ sm_ll _nd sl_w t_ b_ dr_v_n
s_f_ly..._n h_ghw_ys." Tr_m_p h_s d_r_ct_d h_s
Tr_nsp_r_t__n S_cr_t_ry, S__n D_ffy, t_ r_m_v_ _ll
b_rr__rs t_ th__r pr_d_ct__n. Mr D_ffy s__d: "_f
T_y_t_ _r _ny _th_r c_m_p_ny w_nts t_ m_k_ sm_ll_r,
m_r_ _ff_r_d_b_l_ _nd f__l-_ff_c__nt c_rs, w_ h_v_
cl__r_d th_ d_ck s_ th_y c_n...s_ll th_m _n _m_r_c_."

PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From [https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2512/251208-tiny-kei-cars.html](https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2012/251208-tiny-kei-cars.html)

a momentous change might be coming to american roads following a visit to japan by us president donald trump americas ubiquitous muscular suvs may soon be usurped by a four seater 660 cc car that is hugely popular in japan the kei car president trump seems to have developed a particular fondness for this miniature automobile he wants to pave the way for kei cars to be manufactured in the usa he wrote on his truth social website i have just approved tiny cars to be built in america manufacturers have long wanted to do this just like they are so successfully built in other countries he added that the cars were inexpensive safe fuel efficient and quite simply amazing in japan kei cars account for around a third of all new vehicle sales they are ideally suited to the narrow streets of japans bustling densely populated cities however legislation needs to be passed to make the cars road legal in the usa the website quartz reported that most kei cars dont clear federal rules and there are lingering concerns that the vehicles are too small and slow to be driven safely on highways trump has directed his transportation secretary sean duffy to remove all barriers to their production mr duffy said if toyota or any other company wants to make smaller more affordable and fuel efficient cars we have cleared the deck so they can sell them in america

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2017/201708-tiny-kei-cars.html>

A momentous change might be coming to American roads following a visit to Japan by U.S. President Donald Trump. America's ubiquitous, muscular SUVs may soon be usurped by a four-seater, 660cc car that is hugely popular in Japan—the "kei car". President Trump seems to have developed a particular fondness for this miniature automobile. He wants to pave the way for kei cars to be manufactured in the USA. He wrote on his Truth Social website: "I have just approved tiny cars to be built in America. Manufacturers have long wanted to do this, just like they are so successfully building in other countries." He added that the cars were "inexpensive, safe, fuel efficient, and quite simply, amazing". In Japan, kei cars account for around a third of all new vehicle sales. They are ideally suited to the narrow streets of Japan's bustling, densely populated cities. However, legislation needs to be passed to make the cars road-legal in the USA. The website Quartz reported that: "Most kei cars don't clear federal rules, and there are lingering concerns that the vehicles are too small and slow to be driven safely... on highways." Trump has directed his Transportation Secretary, Sean Duffy, to remove all barriers to their production. Mr Duffy said: "If Toyota or any other company wants to make smaller, more affordable and fuel-efficient cars, we have cleared the deck so they can... sell them in America."

FREE WRITING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2012/251208-tiny-kei-cars.html>

Write about **tiny cars** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.

[illegible]

ACADEMIC WRITING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2012/251208-tiny-kei-cars.html>

There is no need for car engines to be more powerful than 1,000 cc. Discuss.

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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. TINY CARS: Make a poster about tiny cars. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. ENGINE SIZE: Write a magazine article about limiting all car engines to a maximum of 1,000 cc. 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 tiny cars. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your opinions on tiny cars. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

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

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

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

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. Japan
2. 660 cc
3. A particular fondness for kei cars
4. Truth Social
5. Make kei cars
6. Around a third
7. Narrow streets
8. Lingering concerns
9. Barriers
10. The decks

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

1. Momentous change might be coming to American roads.
2. Developed a particular fondness for this miniature automobile.
3. He wants to pave the way for keis.
4. Approved tiny cars to be built in America.
5. He added that the cars were inexpensive.
6. Around a third of all new vehicle sales.
7. They are ideally suited to the narrow streets.
8. Most kei cars don't clear federal rules.
9. Lingering concerns that the vehicles are too small.
10. Cleared the deck so they can sell them.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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