Ferrari unveils its first ever electric car

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Ferrari has unveiled its first ever fully electric car. The luxury sports car maker showed the car to the world on Monday. It is called Luce, which means "light" in Italian. The new car is also the first five-seater vehicle produced by Ferrari. It is not cheap. Anyone wanting to buy one must have deep pockets, as it costs $640,000. The Ferrari website highlighted why people might want to buy the car. It wrote: "The Ferrari Luce... lies at the heart of an ecosystem of collaborations with outstanding technology partners. We have created a car that combines unique driving emotions with extraordinary performance, driving pleasure, and comfort for the [Ferrari drivers] of today and tomorrow."

The Luce was developed and co-designed by the former Apple chief designer Jony Ive. He was responsible for the designs of the iMac computer, iPhone, iPad and the Apple Watch. Many reviewers have said the Luce looks like an "Apple car". The Verge website wrote: "Luce looks almost nothing like a Ferrari. In fact, it looks more like something Apple would make." However, the car does have Ferrari's power and speed. It can go from 0-100 kph in 2.5 seconds and has a top speed of over 310 kph. The car has four electric motors — one for each wheel. It also has a range of over 500 kilometres between charges. A Ferrari marketing officer said the Luce was "absolutely stunning".

Sources: cnn.com / *the verge.com* / *ferrari.com*

Writing

All cars should be electric. Discuss.

Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

Ferrari / electric cars / sports cars / light / having deep pockets / technology / driving / designer / computer / iPhone / power / speed / electric motors / wheels / range

True / False

1) The name of the new Ferrari car means "luck" in Italian. T / F
2) Ferrari's new electric car is a four-seater. T / F
3) The article says people need deep pockets to be able to buy the car. T / F
4) The Ferrari website said the car is for the Ferrari drivers of tomorrow. T / F
5) The designer who designed the iPhone helped with the new Ferrari car. T / F
6) Many people said the car looks like one Apple might have made. T / F
7) It takes just over three seconds for the car to get to 100 kph. T / F
8) The car can drive for 500 kilometres before it needs to be charged. T / F

Synonym Match

(The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

1.	**fully**	a.	amazing
2.	**produced**	b.	made
3.	**have deep pockets**	c.	in charge of
4.	**heart**	d.	totally
5.	**extraordinary**	e.	every
6.	**chief**	f.	centre
7.	**responsible for**	g.	move
8.	**go**	h.	representative
9.	**each**	i.	be rich
10.	**officer**	j.	head

Discussion – Student A

a) What do you think about what you read?
b) What are the good things about cars?
c) Why is Italy known for sports cars?
d) What do you think of the design of Apple products?
e) Would you buy an Apple car if they made one?
f) What do you think of going from 0-100 in 2.5 seconds?
g) How important are power and speed in a car?
h) What questions would you like to ask the boss of Ferrari?

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Phrase Match

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b. and tomorrow
c. of over 310 kph
d. chief designer
e. deep pockets
f. in 2.5 seconds
g. electric car
h. over 500 kilometres
i. like a Ferrari
j. produced by Ferrari

Discussion – Student B

a) What do you think of electric cars?
b) What car would you really like?
c) What are the bad things about cars?
d) What do you think of Ferrari?
e) Should Ferrari make five-seater cars?
f) How deep are your pockets?
g) What do you think cars will be like in the future?
h) What is the best car in the world?

Spelling

1. uruyxl sports car maker
2. the first five-seater elihcve
3. have deep opskcte
4. the heart of an esosymect
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12. the Luce was lyusoelabt stunning

Answers – Synonym Match

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

Comprehension Questions

Listen to / read the news article. Answer these questions. (Answers are on p. 27 of the 27-page PDF.)

1.	Who did Ferrari show the Luce to on Monday?
2.	How many seats does the Luce have?
3.	What must people have if they want to buy the car?
4.	Who did Ferrari collaborate with to make the car?
5.	What unique things might drivers of the car experience?
6.	What company did Jony Ive used to work at?
7.	What did the Verge website say the car looks nothing like?
8.	How quickly can the Luce get to 100 kph?
9.	What is the top speed of the Luce?
10.	How far can people drive the Luce before it needs recharging?

Speaking – Cars

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

- Sports cars
- SUVs
- Pickup trucks
- Convertibles
- Sedans
- Kei cars
- Wagons / Estates
- People carriers

Answers – True False

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

Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.

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