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Level 5 – 12th October 2026

China agrees to halve hybrid car exports to EU

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

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THE READING

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. China has agreed to | a. closures |
| 2. The deal was | b. entering the EU |
| 3. seeking to avoid a | c. negotiated |
| 4. prevent millions of vehicles from | d. results |
| 5. negotiations bring | e. Chinese imports |
| 6. struggling to compete with cheaper | f. halve its exports |
| 7. increased fears of factory | g. relations |
| 8. more equitable trade | h. harmful trade war |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. a major player in the | a. quality |
| 2. Chinese | b. markets worldwide |
| 3. have a foothold in many | c. market |
| 4. world leaders | d. priced cars |
| 5. make competitively | e. global car industry |
| 6. have good build | f. Japanese brands |
| 7. alternatives to European and | g. manufacturers |
| 8. 10 per cent of the new car | h. in hybrid technology |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2610/261012-hybrid-car-exports-5.html>

China has agreed to halve its exports of hybrid cars to the European Union. The (1) _____ with both sides seeking to avoid a harmful trade war. The EU's trade commissioner said the agreement could prevent (2) _____ from entering the EU. He said: "This (3) _____ negotiations bring results." EU carmakers are (4) _____ with cheaper Chinese imports. China's rise has increased fears of factory closures and job losses. (5) _____, the EU commissioner was pleased with the talks. He said they could help bring (6) _____ relations.

China has become a major player in the (7) _____. Chinese manufacturers have a foothold in many markets worldwide. The country's auto companies have become (8) _____ hybrid technology. Makers such as BYD and Xiaomi make (9) _____ that are reliable and have good build quality. Motorists see these cars as (10) _____ to European and Japanese brands. Sales of Chinese cars now (11) _____ 10 per cent of the new car market in the EU. In the UK, this (12) _____ 20 per cent.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2020/261012-hybrid-car-exports-5.html>

China has agreed to halve its exports of hybrid cars to the European Union. The deal was negotiated with both sides seeking to avoid a harmful trade war. The EU's trade commissioner said the agreement could prevent millions of vehicles from entering the EU. He said: "This package proves that negotiations bring results." EU carmakers are struggling to compete with cheaper Chinese imports. China's rise has increased fear of factory closures and job losses. Despite these concerns, the EU commissioner was pleased with the talks. He said they could help bring more equitable trade relations. China has become a major player in the global car industry. Chinese manufacturers have a foothold in many markets worldwide. The country's auto companies have become world leaders in hybrid technology. Makers such as BYD and Xiaomi make competitively priced cars that are reliable and have good build quality. Motorists see these cars as more affordable alternatives to European and Japanese brands. Sales of Chinese cars now make up around 10 percent of the new car market in the EU. In the UK, this figure is nearly 20 percent.

HYBRID CARS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2610/261012-hybrid-car-exports-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about hybrid 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.

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

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2010/261012-hybrid-car-exports-5.html>

Write about **hybrid cars** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.

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