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**Level 6 – 12th October 2026**

## China agrees to halve hybrid car exports to EU

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# THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2026/10/261012-hybrid-car-exports.html>

China has agreed to halve its exports of hybrid cars to the European Union over the next four years. The landmark deal followed intense negotiations, as both sides sought to avoid a harmful trade war. The EU's trade commissioner, Maros Sefcovic, said the agreement could prevent millions of vehicles from entering the European market. He said: "This package proves that negotiations bring results." European carmakers have struggled to compete with cheaper Chinese imports. China's rise has raised fears of factory closures and job losses in Europe. Despite these concerns, Mr Sefcovic was pleased with the talks. He said the deal was "only a first step" towards more equitable trade relations.

China has rapidly become a major player in the global car industry. Chinese manufacturers have established a foothold in many markets worldwide. China's auto companies have become world leaders in electric and hybrid technology. Chinese cars are now very popular with motorists across the globe. Makers such as BYD, Xiaomi, and Geely offer competitively priced vehicles that are reliable and have good build quality. Consumers see these cars as more affordable alternatives to European and Japanese brands. Sales of Chinese cars in the EU now make up around 10 per cent of the new car market. In the UK, this figure has steadily risen to nearly 20 per cent.

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# WARM-UPS

**1. HYBRID CARS:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about hybrid 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?

China / exports / hybrid cars / European Union / negotiations / trade war / job losses / car industry / hybrid technology / motorists / consumers / Japanese brands / new car

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

**3. PETROL CARS:** Students A **strongly** believe petrol cars should be banned withing the next decade; Students B **strongly** believe otherwise. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**4. PROS AND CONS:** What are the pris and cons about these types of cars? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

|                    | Pros | Cons |
|--------------------|------|------|
| Electric cars      |      |      |
| Hybrid cars        |      |      |
| Driverless cars    |      |      |
| Classic cars       |      |      |
| Petrol cars        |      |      |
| Ultra-compact cars |      |      |

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

- Sedans
- Hatchbacks
- SUVs
- Sports cars
- Muscle cars
- Supercars
- Minivans
- Convertibles

# VOCABULARY MATCHING

## Paragraph 1

- |                 |                                                                       |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. halve        | a. Very strong or great.                                              |
| 2. landmark     | b. To make something half its original size or amount.                |
| 3. intense      | c. Formal talks between people or groups to agree on something.       |
| 4. negotiations | d. Looked for something or tried to get something.                    |
| 5. sought       | e. An event marking an important stage or turning point in something. |
| 6. vehicles     | f. Fair for everyone.                                                 |
| 7. equitable    | g. Things used for travel, such as cars, buses, and trucks.           |

## Paragraph 2

- |                  |                                                                     |
|------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 8. major player  | h. Started something and made it work or last for a long time.      |
| 9. established   | i. Working well and able to be trusted.                             |
| 10. foothold     | j. An important person or company in a particular area of business. |
| 11. motorists    | k. A strong position in a new place or market.                      |
| 12. reliable     | l. Not costing too much money.                                      |
| 13. affordable   | m. People who drive cars or other vehicles.                         |
| 14. alternatives | n. Other choices that you can use instead.                          |

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

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

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

1. China will halve exports of hybrid cars to the EU within the next year. **T / F**
2. Both China and the EU signed a deal to avert a possible trade war. **T / F**
3. The EU said millions of Chinese cars would not be arriving in the EU. **T / F**
4. Europe's carmakers are having problems because of cheap Chinese cars. **T / F**
5. The article says China is losing its foothold in the global auto industry. **T / F**
6. Consumers think Chinese cars are better value for money. **T / F**
7. Nearly 20% of new cars purchased in the EU are Chinese. **T / F**
8. Nearly 20% of new cars purchased in the UK are Chinese. **T / F**

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

- |                        |                |
|------------------------|----------------|
| 1. <b>landmark</b>     | a. participant |
| 2. <b>sought</b>       | b. winding up  |
| 3. <b>prevent</b>      | c. number      |
| 4. <b>closure</b>      | d. milestone   |
| 5. <b>equitable</b>    | e. dependable  |
| 6. <b>player</b>       | f. fair        |
| 7. <b>motorists</b>    | g. tried to    |
| 8. <b>reliable</b>     | h. substitutes |
| 9. <b>alternatives</b> | i. stop        |
| 10. <b>figure</b>      | j. drivers     |

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

- |                                               |                               |
|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. both sides sought to avoid a               | a. cheaper Chinese imports    |
| 2. prevent millions of vehicles from entering | b. are reliable               |
| 3. carmakers have struggled to compete with   | c. and job losses             |
| 4. raised fears of factory closures           | d. in many markets            |
| 5. a first step towards more equitable        | e. the European market        |
| 6. China has rapidly become a major player    | f. risen                      |
| 7. manufacturers have established a foothold  | g. in the global car industry |
| 8. Chinese cars are now very popular          | h. trade relations            |
| 9. competitively priced vehicles that         | i. with motorists             |
| 10. this figure has steadily                  | j. harmful trade war          |

# GAP FILL

From [https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2610/261012-hybrid-car-exports.html](https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2020/261012-hybrid-car-exports.html)

China has (1) \_\_\_\_\_ to halve its exports of hybrid cars to the European Union over the next four years. The landmark (2) \_\_\_\_\_ followed intense negotiations, as both sides sought to (3) \_\_\_\_\_ a harmful trade war. The EU's trade commissioner, Maros Sefcovic, said the agreement could prevent millions of (4) \_\_\_\_\_ from entering the European market. He said: "This package proves that negotiations bring (5) \_\_\_\_\_." European carmakers have struggled to compete with cheaper Chinese imports. China's (6) \_\_\_\_\_ has raised fears of factory (7) \_\_\_\_\_ and job losses in Europe. Despite these concerns, Mr Sefcovic was pleased with the talks. He said the deal was "only a first step" towards more equitable (8) \_\_\_\_\_ relations.

*deal*  
*vehicles*  
*closures*  
*avoid*  
*rise*  
*agreed*  
*trade*  
*results*

China has (9) \_\_\_\_\_ become a major player in the global car industry. Chinese manufacturers have established a (10) \_\_\_\_\_ in many markets worldwide. China's auto companies have become world leaders in (11) \_\_\_\_\_ and hybrid technology. Chinese cars are now very popular with (12) \_\_\_\_\_ across the globe. Makers such as BYD, Xiaomi, and Geely offer competitively priced vehicles that are reliable and have good (13) \_\_\_\_\_ quality. Consumers see these cars as more affordable (14) \_\_\_\_\_ to European and Japanese brands. Sales of Chinese cars in the EU now make up around 10 per cent of the new car (15) \_\_\_\_\_. In the UK, this figure has (16) \_\_\_\_\_ risen to nearly 20 per cent.

*steadily*  
*electric*  
*alternatives*  
*foothold*  
*market*  
*motorists*  
*rapidly*  
*build*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From [https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2610/261012-hybrid-car-exports.html](https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2026/10/261012-hybrid-car-exports.html)

- 1) The landmark deal \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. followed in tense negotiations
  - b. followed intense negotiations
  - c. followed in tents negotiations
  - d. followed in terse negotiations
- 2) The EU's trade commissioner, Maros Sefcovic, said the agreement could prevent \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. millions off vehicles
  - b. million soft vehicles
  - c. millions of vehicle
  - d. millions of vehicles
- 3) He said this package proves that \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. negotiations bring results
  - b. negotiation bring results
  - c. negotiations bring result
  - d. negotiation bring result
- 4) China's rise has raised fears of factory closures and job \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. loses in Europe
  - b. loss is in Europe
  - c. losses in Europe
  - d. losses in European
- 5) He said the deal was only a first step towards more \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. equitable trade relation
  - b. equitable trade rations
  - c. equity trade relations
  - d. equitable trade relations
- 6) China has rapidly become a major player in the \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. global car industry
  - b. global car industrial
  - c. globe all car industry
  - d. globe all care industry
- 7) Chinese cars are now very popular with motorists \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. across the glove
  - b. across the globe
  - c. across a globe
  - d. a cross the globe
- 8) BYD, Xiaomi, and Geely offer competitively priced vehicles \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. that are reliable
  - b. that are rely able
  - c. that are really able
  - d. that are reliability
- 9) Consumers see these cars as more affordable alternatives to European \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. and Japanese blends
  - b. and Japanese bland
  - c. and Japanese brands
  - d. and Japanese bands
- 10) Chinese cars in the EU now make up around 10 per cent of the \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. new car mark it
  - b. new car market
  - c. new car marquee
  - d. new car marque

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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

China has agreed to (1) \_\_\_\_\_ of hybrid cars to the European Union over the next four years. The (2) \_\_\_\_\_ intense negotiations, as both sides sought to avoid a harmful trade war. The EU's trade commissioner, Maros Sefcovic, said the agreement could (3) \_\_\_\_\_ vehicles from entering the European market. He said: "This package proves that negotiations bring results." European carmakers (4) \_\_\_\_\_ compete with cheaper Chinese imports. China's rise has raised fears (5) \_\_\_\_\_ and job losses in Europe. Despite these concerns, Mr Sefcovic was pleased with the talks. He said the deal was "only a first step" towards more (6) \_\_\_\_\_.

China has rapidly become a (7) \_\_\_\_\_ the global car industry. Chinese manufacturers have (8) \_\_\_\_\_ in many markets worldwide. China's auto companies have become world leaders in electric (9) \_\_\_\_\_. Chinese cars are now very popular with motorists across the globe. Makers such as BYD, Xiaomi, and Geely offer competitively priced (10) \_\_\_\_\_. Chinese cars are now (11) \_\_\_\_\_ European and Japanese brands. Sales of Chinese cars in the EU now make up around 10 per cent of the new car market. In the UK, this figure has (12) \_\_\_\_\_ nearly 20 per cent.

# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From [https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2610/261012-hybrid-car-exports.html](https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2026/10/261012-hybrid-car-exports.html)

1. Over how long will China halve its exports of hybrid cars to the EU?
2. What were China and the EU seeking to avoid?
3. What did the EU commissioner say negotiations bring?
4. What are European carmakers worried about besides job losses?
5. What did the EU commissioner say the deal was a first step towards?
6. What has China become a major player in?
7. Where have Chinese manufacturers established a foothold?
8. Who are Chinese cars popular with?
9. What do consumers see Chinese cars as being?
10. What percentage of new cars sold in the UK are Chinese?

# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

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

- 1) Over how long will China halve its exports of hybrid cars to the EU?
  - a) 2 years
  - b) 4 years
  - c) 8 years
  - d) 10 years
- 2) What were China and the EU seeking to avoid?
  - a) retaliation
  - b) tariffs
  - c) an embargo
  - d) a trade war
- 3) What did the EU commissioner say negotiations bring?
  - a) profits
  - b) ideas
  - c) results
  - d) fairness
- 4) What are European carmakers worried about besides job losses?
  - a) factory closures
  - b) climate change
  - c) supply chain shortages
  - d) rare-earth materials
- 5) What did the EU commissioner say the deal was a first step towards?
  - a) better competition
  - b) more equitable trade relations
  - c) free trade
  - d) better cars
- 6) What has China become a major player in?
  - a) the global car industry
  - b) motor sports
  - c) driverless cars
  - d) factory building
- 7) Where have Chinese manufacturers established a foothold?
  - a) Africa
  - b) Eastern Europe
  - c) in many markets worldwide
  - d) the Americas
- 8) Who are Chinese cars popular with?
  - a) motorists across the globe
  - b) older car drivers
  - c) environmentally-conscious people
  - d) young people
- 9) What do consumers see Chinese cars as being?
  - a) rebellious
  - b) the future
  - c) stylish
  - d) affordable
- 10) What percentage of new cars sold in the UK are Chinese?
  - a) around 20%
  - b) exactly 20%
  - c) nearly 20%
  - d) just over 20%

# ROLE PLAY

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

## **Role A – Sedans**

You think sedans 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): SUVs, sports cars or minivans.

## **Role B – 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): sedans, sports cars or minivans.

## **Role C – 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): SUVs, sedans or minivans.

## **Role D – Minivans**

You think minivans 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): SUVs, sports cars or sedans.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From [https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2610/261012-hybrid-car-exports.html](https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2016/261012-hybrid-car-exports.html)

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

|               |               |
|---------------|---------------|
| <b>hybrid</b> | <b>export</b> |
|               |               |

- 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"><li>• next</li><li>• followed</li><li>• prevent</li><li>• results</li><li>• fears</li><li>• step</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• major</li><li>• foothold</li><li>• leaders</li><li>• offer</li><li>• alternatives</li><li>• figure</li></ul> |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

# HYBRID CARS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2610/261012-hybrid-car-exports.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<br>_____ | STUDENT 2<br>_____ | STUDENT 3<br>_____ |
|------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 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.

# HYBRID 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 'hybrid car'?
3. What do you think of hybrid cars?
4. What do you think of Chinese cars?
5. How difficult do you think trade negotiations are?
6. How important is China to the world economy?
7. How harmful are trade wars?
8. What is wrong with countries importing cheaper goods?
9. Can there ever be balanced trading between countries?
10. When will petrol-driven cars disappear?

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# HYBRID 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 'exports'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What has made China rise as an economic power?
15. What do you know about Chinese cars?
16. Which country makes the best cars?
17. Do you think Chinese cars will overtake Japanese and European ones?
18. What other Chinese goods are changing the world?
19. What will cars of the future be like?
20. What questions would you like to ask the leader of the EU?

## 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

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2020/10/261012-hybrid-car-exports.html>

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**Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.**

- |     |               |               |                |                |
|-----|---------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1.  | (a) dealing   | (b) dealt     | (c) dealer     | (d) deal       |
| 2.  | (a) thought   | (b) taught    | (c) sighted    | (d) sought     |
| 3.  | (a) for       | (b) from      | (c) at         | (d) of         |
| 4.  | (a) parcel    | (b) carton    | (c) package    | (d) collection |
| 5.  | (a) fears     | (b) frightens | (c) scares     | (d) petrifies  |
| 6.  | (a) with      | (b) for       | (c) to         | (d) up         |
| 7.  | (a) artiste   | (b) thespian  | (c) soloist    | (d) player     |
| 8.  | (a) foothold  | (b) household | (c) withhold   | (d) behold     |
| 9.  | (a) via       | (b) across    | (c) next       | (d) under      |
| 10. | (a) construct | (b) raise     | (c) build      | (d) erect      |
| 11. | (a) at        | (b) of        | (c) to         | (d) by         |
| 12. | (a) figurine  | (b) figure    | (c) figurative | (d) figurehead |

# SPELLING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2026/10/261012-hybrid-car-exports.html>

## Paragraph 1

1. the drnmlaka deal
2. millions of vleseihc
3. ensitiotnaog bring results
4. carmakers have glgdruset to compete
5. raised fears of factory ussorcel
6. towards more teeqluiba trade relations

## Paragraph 2

7. Chinese ftasnreucumar
8. a fodthool in many markets worldwide
9. very popular with tsrtomosi
10. ttiyeolivpcem priced
11. more affordable eaalnerivstt
12. this figure has ilatydes risen

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From [https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2610/261012-hybrid-car-exports.html](https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2026/10/261012-hybrid-car-exports.html)

**Number these lines in the correct order.**

- ( ) as BYD, Xiaomi, and Geely offer competitively priced vehicles that are reliable and have good build
- ( ) brands. Sales of Chinese cars in the EU now make up around 10 per cent of the new car
- ( **1** ) China has agreed to halve its exports of hybrid cars to the European Union over the
- ( ) China has rapidly become a major player in the global car industry. Chinese manufacturers have established a
- ( ) fears of factory closures and job losses in Europe. Despite these concerns, Mr Sefcovic was pleased
- ( ) foothold in many markets worldwide. China's auto companies have become world leaders in electric and hybrid
- ( ) market. In the UK, this figure has steadily risen to nearly 20 per cent.
- ( ) next four years. The landmark deal followed intense negotiations, as both sides sought to avoid a harmful
- ( ) of vehicles from entering the European market. He said: "This package proves that negotiations bring
- ( ) quality. Consumers see these cars as more affordable alternatives to European and Japanese
- ( ) results." European carmakers have struggled to compete with cheaper Chinese imports. China's rise has raised
- ( ) technology. Chinese cars are now very popular with motorists across the globe. Makers such
- ( ) trade war. The EU's trade commissioner, Maros Sefcovic, said the agreement could prevent millions
- ( ) with the talks. He said the deal was "only a first step" towards more equitable trade relations.

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2026/10/261012-hybrid-car-exports.html>

1. agreed China exports halve has its to .
2. a Both sides sought to trade avoid war .
3. European entering from markets millions Prevent of vehicles .
4. closures China's factory fears has of raised rise .
5. A equitable first more relations step trade towards .
6. a become China has major player rapidly .
7. a established foothold have in Manufacturers many markets .
8. cars Chinese motorists now popular are very with .
9. affordable alternatives as Consumers these more cars see .
10. figure has per cent risen steadily 20 to This .

# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2020/202012-hybrid-car-exports.html>

China has agreed to *halve* / *half* its exports of hybrid cars to the European Union over the next four years. The landmark *dealt* / *deal* followed intense negotiations, as both sides *sought* / *sighted* to avoid a harmful trade war. The EU's trade commissioner, Maros Sefcovic, said the agreement could prevent millions of vehicles *from* / *for* entering the European market. He said: "This package *proofs* / *proves* that negotiations bring results." European carmakers have *strangled* / *struggled* to compete with cheaper Chinese imports. China's *arise* / *rise* has raised fears of factory *closures* / *closes* and job losses in Europe. Despite these concerns, Mr Sefcovic was pleased with the *speech* / *talks*. He said the deal was "only a first step" towards more *equity* / *equitable* trade relations.

China has rapidly become a major player *on* / *in* the global car industry. Chinese manufacturers have established a *household* / *foothold* in many markets worldwide. China's auto companies have become world leaders *on* / *in* electric and hybrid technology. Chinese cars are now very popular with *motors* / *motorists* across the globe. Makers such *as* / *has* BYD, Xiaomi, and Geely offer competitively priced vehicles that are reliable and have good *build* / *built* quality. Consumers see these cars as more *affords* / *affordable* alternatives to European and Japanese *bland* / *brands*. Sales of Chinese cars in the EU now make *down* / *up* around 10 per cent of the new car market. In the UK, this figure has steadily *arisen* / *risen* to nearly 20 per cent.

**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)

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# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From [https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2610/261012-hybrid-car-exports.html](https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2026/10/261012-hybrid-car-exports.html)

china has agreed to halve its exports of hybrid cars to the european union over the next four years the landmark deal followed intense negotiations as both sides sought to avoid a harmful trade war the eus trade commissioner maros sefcovic said the agreement could prevent millions of vehicles from entering the european market he said this package proves that negotiations bring results european carmakers have struggled to compete with cheaper chinese imports chinas rise has raised fears of factory closures and job losses in europe despite these concerns mr sefcovic was pleased with the talks he said the deal was only a first step towards more equitable trade relations

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# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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## FREE WRITING

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

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

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# ACADEMIC WRITING

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

Chinese cars are the best value. Discuss.

[illegible]

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

**4. NO MORE PETROL CARS:** Write a magazine article about ending all petrol-driven cars. 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 hybrid cars. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your opinions on hybrid cars. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## VOCABULARY (p.4)

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

## TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

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

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

- Four years
- A trade war
- Results
- Factory closures
- More equitable trade relations
- The global car industry
- In many markets worldwide
- Motorists across the globe
- Affordable
- Nearly 20 per cent

## WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

- China has agreed to halve its exports.
- Both sides sought to avoid a trade war.
- Prevent millions of vehicles from entering European markets.
- China's rise has raised fears of factory closures.
- A first step towards more equitable trade relations.
- China has rapidly become a major player.
- Manufacturers have established a foothold in many markets.
- Chinese cars are now very popular with motorists.
- Consumers see these cars as more affordable alternatives.
- This figure has steadily risen to 20 per cent.

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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