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Flying car flies from one city to another

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THE ARTICLE

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WARM-UPS

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

keep up / technology / science fiction / movies / flying cars / airport / journey / speed aircraft / three minutes / sports / downtown / normal / powerful / engine / two-seater

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

3. FLYING CARS: Students A **strongly** believe flying cars are better than road cars; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. SCIENCE FICTION: What do you think of these things from science fiction? How would they change our life? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Thoughts	Changes
Jet packs		
Food pills		
Anti-aging		
Zero carbon energy		
Language injections		
Personal robots		

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

6. TECHNOLOGY: Rank these with your partner. Put the most important things for technology to improve at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Transport
- Health
- Military
- Environment

- Education
- Energy
- Farming
- Policing

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VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

1.	keep up with	a.	Stories or ideas about the future or about new technology, or about travelling into space.
2.	science fiction	b.	A first model of something, especially a machine, from which others are developed or copied.
3.	decade	c.	A person who writes for newspapers, magazines, or news websites.
4.	journalist	d.	A period of ten years.
5.	prototype	e.	Learn about or be aware of news or the latest things in the world.
6.	regional	f.	An idea about something, especially something new.
7.	concept	g.	About an area of a country or the world.
Pai	ragraph 2		
Pa 1 8.	r agraph 2 legal	h.	How fast a car, ship, or aircraft can travel (usually below its maximum) that is comfortable and economical.
		h. i.	(usually below its maximum) that is
8.	legal		(usually below its maximum) that is comfortable and economical.
8. 9.	legal transform	i.	(usually below its maximum) that is comfortable and economical. Allowed by law.
8. 9. 10.	legal transform vehicle	i. j.	(usually below its maximum) that is comfortable and economical.Allowed by law.Nice.How far a vehicle or aircraft can travel
8. 9. 10. 11.	legal transform vehicle downtown	i. j. k.	 (usually below its maximum) that is comfortable and economical. Allowed by law. Nice. How far a vehicle or aircraft can travel without refueling. A thing used for moving people or goods, especially on land, such as a car, truck, or

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BEFORE READING / LISTENING

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

- 1. The article says it is easy to be aware of technology these days. **T / F**
- 2. The article says we watched movies with flying cars. **T / F**
- 3. The flying car took 90 minutes to make its journey. **T / F**
- 4. The flying car reached a height of 2,500 metres. **T / F**
- 5. It is not legal to drive the AirCar on the roads. **T / F**
- 6. It takes less than three minutes for the aircraft to change into a car. **T / F**
- 7. The pilot CEO drove the car into the city from the airport. **T / F**
- 8. A new model of the car will have two seats. **T / F**

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

- 1. latest
- 2. movies
- 3. completed
- 4. journey
- 5. proof
- 6. transforms
- 7. landing
- 8. pleasant
- 9. model
- 10. tested

- a. touching down
- b. trip
- c. version
- d. evidence
- e. films
- f. nice
- g. trialled
- h. most recent
- i. turns
- j. finished

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

- 1. It's hard to keep up with
- 2. science fiction becoming science
- 3. movies about a future
- 4. a regional
- 5. it has turned science fiction
- 6. a road-legal car that transforms
- 7. After landing
- 8. He described the flight as "normal"
- 9. capable of a cruising
- 10. The newer model will also be

- a. a four-seater
- b. into a reality
- c. into an aircraft
- d. at Bratislava Airport
- e. fact
- f. and "very pleasant"
- g. technology these days
- h. speed of 300kph
- i. with flying cars
- j. airport

GAP FILL

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It's (1) ______ to keep up with technology these days. reality The latest example of science fiction becoming science fliaht (2) _____ is a flying car. For decades, we have hard watched movies about a future with flying cars. This week, journey journalists saw a real one in (3) _____. A prototype flying AirCar completed a test flight between two cities in Slovakia. concept The car flew between a (4) _____ airport and an fact airport in the capital city Bratislava. 90km The founder (5) _____ took 35 minutes to complete. AirCar is regional from a company called Klein Vision. A (6) _____ of the company said: "AirCar is no longer just a proof of (7) _____." He added: "Flying at [2,500 metres] at a speed of [185kph], it has turned science fiction into a (8) _____."

AirCar is a road-legal car that (9) _____ into an button aircraft in less than three minutes. AirCar CEO Professor Stefan recently Klein flew and landed the (10) _____ on its recent downtown test flight. After landing at Bratislava Airport, he pushed one vehicle (11) ______ to transform the aircraft into a sports car. He then drove it into (12) _____ Bratislava on the cruisina city's streets. He described the (13) _____ as transforms "normal" and "very pleasant". His company is working on a new, flight more powerful model called AirCar Prototype 2. This will have a range much more powerful engine that is capable of a _____ speed of 300kph and (14) а (15) _____ of 1,000 kilometres. The newer model will also be a four-seater as opposed to the two-seater that was (16) ______ tested.

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LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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1) It's hard to keep up with technology
a. these days
b. them days
c. those days
d. this days
The latest example of science fiction becoming
a. science tact
b. science fact
c. science pact
d. science act
3) This week, journalists saw a real
a. once in flight
b. one in a flight
c. one inner flight
d. one in flight
 The car flew between a regional airport and an airport
a. in the capital
b. in the Capitolc. in that capital
d. in Das Capital
5) it has turned science fiction
a. onto a reality
b. unto a reality
c. in two a reality
d. into a reality
6) a road-legal car that transforms into an aircraft in minutes
a. lesser then three
b. less than three
c. lesser than three
d. bless than three
7) AirCar CEO Professor Stefan Klein flew and landed the vehicle on its
a. recently test flight
b. recent tests flight
c. recent test flight
d. recent test fight
he pushed one button to transform the aircraft into
a. a sports car
b. a shorts car
c. a snorts car
d. a sorts car
His company is working on a new, more
a. powerful model
b. powder full model
c. powers full model
d. powered full model
10) The newer model will also be a four-seater as two-seater
a. opposed to the b. oh posed to the
c. a posed to the
d supposed to the

d. supposed to the

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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It's hard to (1) _______ technology these days. The latest example of science fiction becoming (2) _______ a flying car. For decades, we have watched movies about a (3) _______ cars. This week, journalists saw a real (4) _______. A prototype flying AirCar completed a test flight between two cities in Slovakia. The car flew between (5) _______ and an airport in the capital city Bratislava. The 90km journey took 35 minutes to complete. AirCar is from a company called Klein Vision. A founder of the company said: "AirCar is no longer just a (6) ______." He added: "Flying at [2,500 metres] at a speed of [185kph], it has turned science fiction into a reality."

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

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- 1. What does the article say it is hard to keep up with these days?
- 2. Where did people watch flying cars before the AirCar flew?
- 3. Where did the AirCar take off from?
- 4. How long did the AirCar's journey take?
- 5. How fast did the AirCar go?
- 6. How long does it take for the AirCar to change from a car to an aircraft?
- 7. How many buttons did the CEO press to transform the AirCar?
- 8. Where in Bratislava did the CEO drive the AirCar to?
- 9. What is the name of a more powerful AirCar?
- 10. How many seats will the new AirCar have?

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MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

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 What does the article say it is hard to keep up with these days? a) flying cars b) sports teams c) science fiction d) technology Where did people watch flying 	 6) How long does it take for the AirCar to change from a car to an aircraft? a) exactly 3 minutes b) just over 3 minutes c) less than 3 minutes d) about 3 minutes
cars before the AirCar flew?	7) How many buttons did the CEO
a) on the Internet	press to transform the AirCar?
b) movies	a) one
c) in museums	b) two c) three
d) in toy stores	d) four
3) Where did the AirCar take off	
from?	8) Where in Bratislava did the CEO
a) the CEO's garden	drive the AirCar to?
b) a farm	a) a river
c) a national highway	b) the entertainment district
d) a regional airport	c) downtown
4) How long did the AirCar's journey	d) the government building
take?	9) What is the name of a more
a) 55 minutes	powerful AirCar?
b) 25 minutes	a) Prototype X
c) 35 minutes	b) Prototype 2
d) 45 minutes	c) Prototype 20
5) How fast did the AirCar go?	d) Prototype 10
a) 158kph	10) How many seats will the new
b) 175kph	AirCar have?
c) 278kph	a) 4
d) 185kph	b) 8
	c) 6
	d) 2

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Transport

You think the most important thing for technology to improve is transport. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as important. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): health, education or energy.

Role B – Health

You think the most important thing for technology to improve is health. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as important. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): transport, education or energy.

Role C – Education

You think the most important thing for technology to improve is education. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as important. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): health, transport or energy.

Role D – Energy

You think the most important thing for technology to improve is energy. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as important. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): health, education or transport.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

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1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'flying' and 'car'.

flying	car

- 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:

 flight capital founder added button button cruising four 	keepmovies	legalless
founder • cruising	• flight	• button
	 capital 	• normal
added four	 founder 	 cruising
	 added 	• four

FLYING CARS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about flying 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.

FLYING 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 'flying'?
- 3. What do you think of flying cars?
- 4. Would you worry about getting into a flying car?
- 5. How can we stop flying cars crashing into each other?
- 6. How interested are you in science fiction?
- 7. When will flying cars be as common as road cars?
- 8. Would you like a jet-pack so you can fly around?
- 9. How might flying cars be better for cities?
- 10. What three adjectives best describe this story?

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FLYING 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. What do you think of the car becoming an airplane in three minutes?
- 15. Where would you go if you had an AirCar?
- 16. What kind of training might you need to fly an AirCar?
- 17. Do you think AirCars will mean the end of airplanes?
- 18. Do you think people should be allowed to buy AirCars?
- 19. What do you think of the name 'AirCar'?
- 20. What questions would you like to ask the AirCar boss?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1.	
2.	
3.	
•	
4.	
5.	
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)	on	(b)	up	(c)	at	(d)	of
2.	(a)	detail	(b)	fact	(c)	info	(d)	statistic
3.	(a)	of	(b)	at	(c)	on	(d)	in
4.	(a)	regions	(b)	regional	(c)	regionally	(d)	region
5.	(a)	competitor	(b)	compete	(c)	compute	(d)	complete
6.	(a)	prof	(b)	prove	(c)	proof	(d)	improve
7.	(a)	transforms	(b)	transforming	(c)	transform	(d)	transformation
8.	(a)	grounded	(b)	earthed	(c)	landed	(d)	floored
9.	(a)	towns	(b)	town	(c)	townie	(d)	downtown
10.	(a)	pleasant	(b)	peasant	(c)	pheasant	(d)	pleasure
11.	(a)	cruising	(b)	passing	(c)	framing	(d)	boarding
12.	(a)	as	(b)	has	(c)	is	(d)	was

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

- 1. keep up with <u>clhtngooey</u>
- 2. For <u>dcaeesd</u>, we have watched movies
- 3. journalists saw a real one in hilfgt
- 4. a <u>aenrolgi</u> airport
- 5. no longer just a proof of pcencot
- 6. science <u>iicotfn</u>

Paragraph 2

- 7. transforms into an rfcairta
- 8. Klein flew and landed the *iehecvl*
- 9. normal and very tleansap
- 10. powerful model called AirCar orytopPte 2
- 11. capable of a scrnuiig speed of 300kph
- 12. as <u>osdpepo</u> to the two-seater

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () landed the vehicle on its recent test flight. After landing at Bratislava Airport, he pushed one
- () between a regional airport and an airport in the capital city Bratislava. The 90km journey took
- () fact is a flying car. For decades, we have watched movies about a future with flying cars. This week, journalists saw a real
- () AirCar is a road-legal car that transforms into an aircraft in less than three minutes. AirCar CEO Professor Stefan Klein flew and
- () more powerful engine that is capable of a cruising speed of 300kph and a range of 1,000 kilometres. The newer
- () model will also be a four-seater as opposed to the two-seater that was recently tested.
- () at [2,500 metres] at a speed of [185kph], it has turned science fiction into a reality."
- () working on a new, more powerful model called AirCar Prototype 2. This will have a much
- (1) It's hard to keep up with technology these days. The latest example of science fiction becoming science
- () one in flight. A prototype flying AirCar completed a test flight between two cities in Slovakia. The car flew
- () button to transform the aircraft into a sports car. He then drove it into downtown Bratislava on the city's
- () streets. He described the flight as "normal" and "very pleasant". His company is
- () 35 minutes to complete. AirCar is from a company called Klein Vision. A founder of
- () the company said: "AirCar is no longer just a proof of concept." He added: "Flying

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. hard with It's to technology nowadays . keep up

2. science fact . science of fiction example becoming An

3. movies cars . a flying with future about Watched

4. a week, This flight . real saw in journalists one

5. a It fiction science turned has reality . into

6. three aircraft in Transforms just an minutes . into

7. the to He pushed transform one button aircraft .

8. powerful on a It's model . more working new,

9. more have engine . a will powerful This much

10. four-seater . model The also be will a newer

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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It's hard to keep *down / up* with technology these days. The latest example of science *faction / fiction* becoming science fact is a flying car. For *decays / decades*, we have watched movies about a future with flying cars. This week, journalists saw a *real / really* one in flight. A prototype flying AirCar *competed / completed* a test flight between two cities in Slovakia. The car flew *between / among* a regional airport and an airport in the capital city Bratislava. The 90km journey took 35 minutes to complete. AirCar is *at / from* a company called Klein Vision. A *founder / flounder* of the company said: "AirCar is no longer just a proof *of / to* concept." He added: "Flying at [2,500 metres] at a speed of [185kph], it has turned science fiction into a *reality / real*."

AirCar is a road-legal car that *transfers / transforms* into an aircraft in less than three minutes. AirCar CEO Professor Stefan Klein flew and landed the vehicle *on / at* its recent test flight. After landing at Bratislava Airport, he pushed *once / one* button to transform the aircraft *onto / into* a sports car. He then drove it into *town / downtown* Bratislava on the city's streets. He described the flight as "normal" and "very *pleasant / peasant*". His company is working on a new, more *powerfully / powerful* model called AirCar Prototype 2. This will have a *much / many* more powerful engine that is capable *to / of* a cruising speed of 300kph and a range of 1,000 kilometres. The newer model will also be a four-seater as opposed to the two-seater that was *recently / recent* tested.

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

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

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_t's h_rd t_ k__p _p w_th t_chn_l_gy th_s_ d_ys. Th_ l_t_st _x_mpl_ _f sc__nc_ f_ct__n b_c_m_ng sc__nc_ f_ct _s _ fly_ng c_r. F_r d_c_d_s, w_ h_v_ w_tch_d m_v__s _b__t _ f_t_r_ w_th fly_ng c_rs. Th_s w__k, j__rn_l_sts s_w _ r__l _n_ _n fl_ght. _ pr_t_typ_ fly_ng __rC_r c_mpl_t_d _ t_st fl_ght b_tw__n tw_ c_t__s _n Sl_v_k_. Th_ c_r fl_w b_tw__n _ r_g__n_l __rp_rt _nd _n __rp_rt _n th_ c_p_t_l c_ty Br_t_sl_v_. Th_ 90km j__rn_y t__k 35 m_n_t_s t_ c_mpl_t. __rC_r _s fr_m _ c_mp_ny c_ll_d Kl__n V_s__n. f__nd_r _f th_ c_mp_ny s__d: "__rC_r _s n_ l_ng_r j_st _ pr__f _f c_nc_pt." H_ _dd_d: "Fly_ng _t [2,500 m_tr_s] _t _ sp__d _f [185kph], _t h_s t_rn_d

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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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its hard to keep up with technology these days the latest example of science fiction becoming science fact is a flying car for decades we have watched movies about a future with flying cars this week journalists saw a real one in flight a prototype flying aircar completed a test flight between two cities in slovakia the car flew between a regional airport and an airport in the capital city bratislava the 90km journey took 35 minutes to complete aircar is from a company called klein vision a founder of the company said aircar is no longer just a proof of concept he added flying at 2500 metres at a speed of 185kph it has turned science fiction into a reality

aircar is a roadlegal car that transforms into an aircraft in less than three minutes aircar ceo professor stefan klein flew and landed the vehicle on its recent test flight after landing at bratislava airport he pushed one button to transform the aircraft into a sports car he then drove it into downtown bratislava on the citys streets he described the flight as normal and very pleasant his company is working on a new more powerful model called aircar prototype 2 this will have a much more powerful engine that is capable of a cruising speed of 300kph and a range of 1000 kilometres the newer model will also be a fourseater as opposed to the twoseater that was recently tested

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

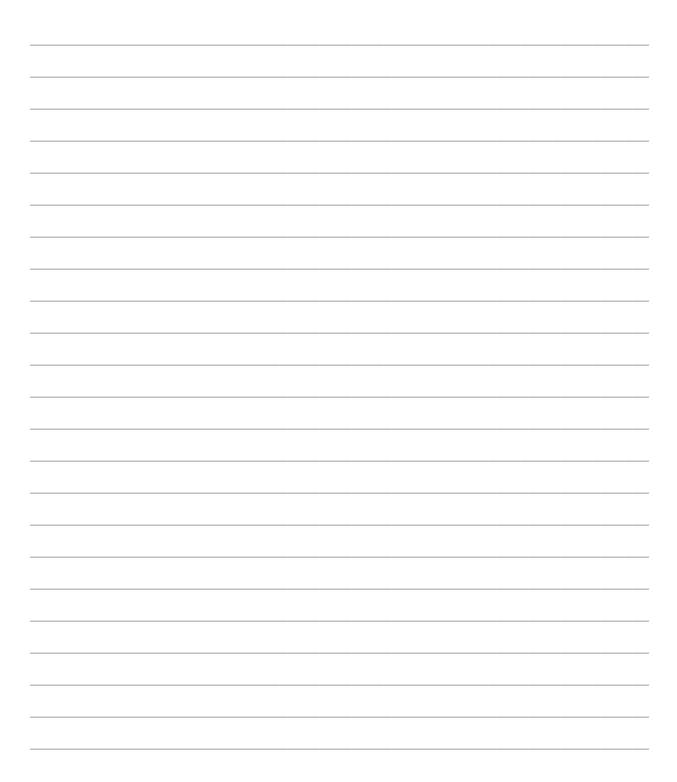
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FREE WRITING

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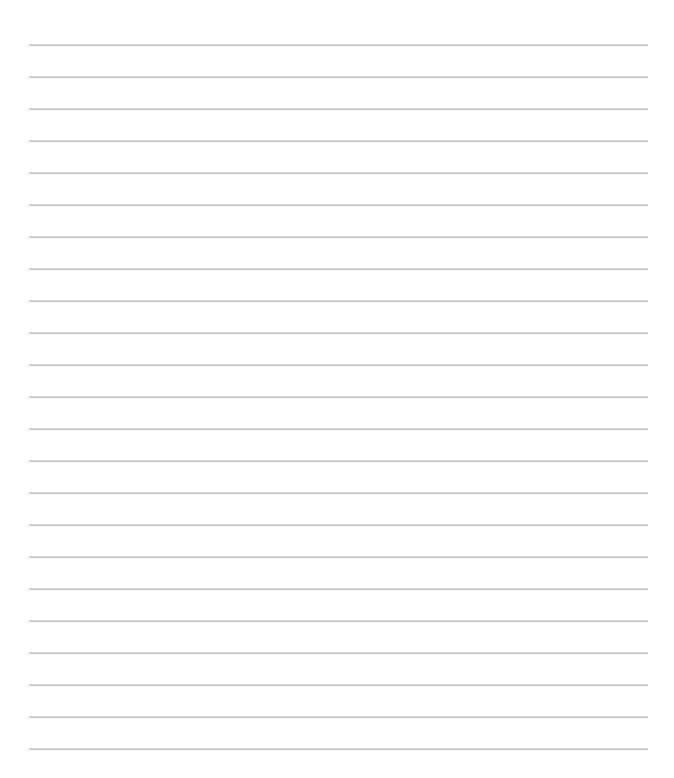
Write about **flying cars** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.



ACADEMIC WRITING

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Flying cars will be great for society. Discuss.



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. OUR SCIENCE FICTION FUTURE: Make a poster about our science fiction future. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. FLYING CARS: Write a magazine article about flying cars. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against them.

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 flying cars. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your opinions on them. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1.	е	2.	а	3.	d	4.	С	5.	b	6.	g	7.	f
8.	i	9.	n	10.	Ι	11.	m	12.	j	13.	h	14.	k

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

1	F	2	Т	3	F	4 T	5 F	6	Т	7 T	8	F
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SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

- 1. Technology
- 2. Movies
- 3. A regional airport
- 4. 35 minutes
- 5. 185kph
- 6. Less than 3 minutes
- 7. One
- 8. Downtown
- 9. Prototype 2
- 10. Four

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

- 1. It's hard to keep up with technology nowadays.
- 2. An example of science fiction becoming science fact.
- 3. Watched movies about a future with flying cars.
- 4. This week, journalists saw a real one in flight.
- 5. It has turned science fiction into a reality.
- 6. Transforms into an aircraft in just three minutes.
- 7. He pushed one button to transform the aircraft.
- 8. It's working on a new, more powerful model.
- 9. This will have a much more powerful engine.
- 10. The newer model will also be a four-seater.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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