

Can you imagine travelling in a car without a driver? It may sound like science fiction but driverless cars will be with us sooner than you think!

Do the preparation task first. Then, watch the video and do the exercises. Remember you can check the transcript at any time.

1. Preparation: matching

Match the vocabulary with the correct definition and write a – j next to the number 1 – 10.

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| 1..... futuristic | a. a path at the side of the road that you walk along |
| 2..... a pavement | b. something with a modern appearance |
| 3..... whizzing | c. miles per hour / miles an hour |
| 4..... mph | d. moving fast |
| 5..... to take off | e. without a driver |
| 6..... driverless | f. a bar fixed to the front and back of a car to protect it |
| 7..... initially | g. a small vehicle, especially one which can drive automatically |
| 8..... a traffic jam | h. to become popular or successful |
| 9..... a bumper | i. at first |
| 10..... a pod | j. a line of cars that cannot move |

2. Check your understanding: true or false

Circle *True* or *False* for these sentences.

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| 1. | In 2015 there will be driverless cars in Milton Keynes. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 2. | The government is putting £2.5 million towards these driverless cars. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 3. | Twenty pods will run between the football stadium and the centre of Milton Keynes. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 4. | There will be a hundred pods by 2017. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 5. | The pods travel at speeds of 30 mph. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 6. | Google has introduced driverless cars to Cardiff. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 7. | The driverless cars have driven more than 400,000 miles without a crash. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 8. | It is hoped that the pods will help cut down on traffic, pollution and driver stress. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |

Discussion

What do you think about driverless cars?