

The Story of Cars • Worksheet answers

1. Match the two halves of the sentences, then number them 1 to 5 in the order they occur in the book.

- ..5... A. Henry Ford... → ...drew plans for a vehicle that was driven by clockwork.
 ..2... B. Sir Goldsworthy Gurney... → ...designed and built the first petrol-driven vehicle.
 ..1... C. Leonardo da Vinci... → ...designed a steam passenger coach that didn't need tracks.
 ..4... D. The Michelin brothers... → ...was determined to make cars cheaper.
 ..3... E. Karl Benz... → ...were showing off their new inflated wheels.

2. Match the drivers below with the most suitable cars for them from chapters 4-5.

- A. "I don't have too much money, but I'm not fussy." ..Model T Ford.....
 B. "I live on a farm at the end of a rough dirt track." ..Oldsmobile.....
 C. "I want the fastest car there is. After all, there's no speed limit where I live." ..Panhard-Levassor.....
 D. "I live in the city and I like to keep up with my friends." ..Mercer Speedster or Raceabout.....
 E. "I have plenty of money. What I want is a really stylish, comfortable car." ..Rolls Royce Silver Ghost.....

3. Cross out the mistakes in the sentences below, and write corrections at the end of the sentence.

- A. Every car company ~~inflated~~ that their designs were the best. ..insisted.....
 B. In France, where the race took place, there was no ~~weight~~ limit. ..speed.....
 C. The Silver Ghost was a dream to drive but not very ~~critical~~ on rough, pot-holed roads.
 ..practical.....
 D. In 1908, the world's first ~~mass-reduced~~ cars rolled off Ford's assembly line. ..mass-produced.....
 E. More and more people took to the roads, but the ~~drivers~~ weren't ready for them. ..roads.....

4. Match the cars with their descriptions.

- A. Beetle → a small box-shaped car with tiny wheels
 B. Mini → twice the length of a normal car
 C. Cadillac → faster than the speed of sound
 D. Stretch limo → Porsche's groovy, curvy design
 E. Thrust SSC → the designer was inspired when a fighter jet flew by



5. Put the nouns in the right places to complete the paragraph.

You will need to use some nouns more than once.

Today, there are more ..cars..... on the ..roads..... than ever.
 They use up lots of ..fuel..... and puff horrible ..fumes.....
 into the ..air..... . Now, ..engineers..... are inventing
 ..cars..... that won't pollute the ..air..... . They might
 run on ..energy..... from the ..sun..... , or give off
 ..water..... instead of nasty ..fumes..... .

energy	air
water	roads
fuel	fumes
sun	cars
	engineers