Complete the text with words from the box.

became / between / came / closed / dried / every / fell / had / in / in / more / more than / produced / repeated / sold / started with

(1) *In* 1914, Henry Ford (2) _____ the first assembly line for car manufacture. A new Model T Ford (3) _____ off the assembly line (4) _____ 15 minutes. Each worker (5)_____ the same job on the assembly line again and again. Factory work (6) _____ safer and the number of injuries (7) _____. The slowest section of the assembly line was the paint shop. Paint (8) _____ slowly, and only black paint dried fast enough. So, Ford (9) _____ only black cars (10) _____ 1914 and 1926. (11) _____ 1914, an assembly line worker could buy a Model T Ford (12) _____ four months' pay.

The assembly line method of production changed everything. Other companies (13) _____ more workers and (14) _____ fewer cars. Between 1914 and 1930, 250 car manufacturers (15) _____. Today the automotive industry is a worldwide industry. In 2006, (16) _____ than 69 million vehicles were produced. 11.5 million vehicles were made in Japan, 11.3 million in the USA, and (17) _____ 7 million in China.

Write short answers to the questions.

1 When did Ford start its first production line? _____

2 How many cars did Ford make in an hour? _____

3 Did a worker at Ford do the same job or different jobs? _____

4 Why did Ford only produce black cars? _____

5 Were there more car manufacturers in 1914 or in 1930? _____

6 Which country produced more cars in 2006, the USA or Japan? _____

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