

Mind-Control Car

1.- Read the text

Cars are becoming more and more technologically advanced. In the past decade, we have seen improvements in electric car technology and driverless cars. The latest advance comes from Mercedes-Benz. The luxury carmaker has unveiled a car that lets you use your mind to control certain things. The car giant unveiled its futuristic car at the IAA Mobility show in Munich earlier this week. The car is called Vision AVTR. The four capitalized letters at the end of its name are to make people think of the movie Avatar. This movie was about using the brain to connect with nature. A Mercedes spokesperson said the car would not be available for purchase any time soon. It is currently in the concept stage of production.

Mercedes is using a technology called brain-computer interface (BCI) in the Vision AVTR. The car's computers "read" brain signals and translate them into actions. Mercedes says the system needs about a minute to get to understand a new driver's thought processes. The driver will



then be able to perform certain functions in the car using just their thoughts. Mercedes spokeswoman Britta Seeger spoke about how exciting she thought the futuristic car was. She said: "Mercedes-Benz is setting another milestone in the merging of man and machine." The Mercedes website says: "As soon as you get in, the car becomes an extension of your own body and a tool to discover the environment."

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if 1-8 below are true (T) or false (F).

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| 1. Cars are becoming less technologically advanced. | T | / | F |
| 2. The car was unveiled at the New York Motor Show. | T | / | F |
| 3. Mercedes named the car based on the movie <i>Avatar</i> . | T | / | F |
| 4. The Mercedes car will be on sale from next year. | T | / | F |
| 5. Computers in the car spend one minute "reading" the driver's mind. | T | / | F |
| 6. A spokeswoman said the car wasn't so futuristic. | T | / | F |
| 7. A spokeswoman said the car shows man and machine were joining. | T | / | F |
| 8. Mercedes said the car would allow people to discover the environment. | T | / | F |

2. MULTIPLE CHOICE QUIZ

1) What does the article say is becoming more technologically advanced?

- a) roads
- b) batteries
- c) cars
- d) transport

2) In which city was the car unveiled?

- a) Munich
- b) New York
- c) Tokyo
- d) Buenos Aires

3) What movie influenced the name of the car?

- a) Frozen
- b) Avatar
- c) Titanic
- d) Baby Driver

4) When will people be able to buy the car?

- a) in two years
- b) never
- c) next year
- d) no time soon

5) What stage of production is the car in?

- a) a assembly stage
- b) the final stage
- c) the concept stage
- d) the third stage

6) What does BCI mean?

- a) battery compartment in-tray
- b) brain-computer interface
- c) brake-combustion ignition
- d) big computer idea

7) How long does the car need to read the driver's brain?

- a) a few seconds
- b) an hour
- c) a millisecond
- d) about a minute

8) Who is Britta Seeger?

- a) a brain expert
- b) a Mercedes spokesperson
- c) a battery maker
- d) a journalist

9) What does Mercedes say the car becomes an extension of?

- a) technology
- b) our body

- c) the brain
- d) society

10) What will the car allow people to discover?

- a) the environment
- b) themselves
- c) speed
- d) the future

3. TRANSLATE THE WHOLE TEXT.