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BEATING THE TRAFFIC

1 LISTENING

A  **6.01 LISTEN FOR DETAIL** Listen to the podcast. Choose the correct answers.

- 1 What is the podcast about?
a self-driving cars b underwater cars c flying cars
- 2 What is Teresa designing a car for?
a emergencies b entertainment c to solve traffic problems
- 3 Does she think everyone will have one of these cars?
a Yes. b No. c She's not sure.
- 4 When does Teresa think we will have these cars?
a in a few years b in several years c never

B  **6.01** Read each line from the podcast. Who said it? Check (✓) Steve or Teresa. Then listen to the podcast again to check your answers.

- | | Steve | Teresa |
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| 1 A lot of sci-fi movies show people driving around in the sky. | ☐ | ☐ |
| 2 My goal is to develop flying cars for emergencies. | ☐ | ☐ |
| 3 ... do you think flying cars will solve our traffic problems? | ☐ | ☐ |
| 4 Can you tell us why? | ☐ | ☐ |
| 5 Flying ambulances won't have that problem. | ☐ | ☐ |
| 6 We still have a lot of work to do ... | ☐ | ☐ |



2 READING

A Read the comment by a podcast listener, Opinionzzz. Check (✓) the problems that he writes about. Circle the ones that Steve and Teresa already mentioned.

Opinionzzz wrote:

I hope we never have flying cars of any kind. I think even flying ambulances are a bad idea. Why? Well, first of all, if everyone is flying cars in the sky, we'll have traffic jams in the air! And imagine a car accident in the air – flying car parts might fall onto people on the ground. People in the flying cars might even fall out!

Second, we already have a lot of air pollution. I think that flying cars would create more of it. The air in big cities would be horrible.

Third, cars break down all the time. When your car breaks down, you just pull over to the side of the road. What will you do if your car breaks down in the air? Your car would probably just fall to the ground. That might destroy your car and even hurt someone else ... or worse.

I definitely don't think we should have flying cars. Let's find other ways to get ambulances to people more quickly.

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| ☐ flying too fast | ☐ falling out of the sky |
| ☐ traffic in the sky | ☐ too much noise |
| ☐ expensive cost of cars | ☐ air pollution |
| ☐ cars breaking down | ☐ being afraid of flying |