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# READING ASSESSMENT

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**COMPETENCIA: Lee textos escritos en inglés como lengua extranjera**
**CAPACIDAD: Obtiene información del texto escrito.**
**DESEMPEÑO PRECISADO: Comprende y deduce información implícita y explícita de la lectura con la ayuda de un esquema.**

## A JOURNEY INTO THE FUTURE

**Our world is on the move. (1)..... But there is also more and more pollution, there are more and more accidents, and transport seems to be going slower than before, not faster. So shouldn't we be thinking of ways to revolutionise the world of transport?**

American millionaire Elon Musk is quite clearly a man who wants to help bring about this revolution. With his Tesla Motors company he has managed to reinvent the electric car, producing a popular all-electric sports car. **(2)**..... But his boldest plan for future transport is the Hyperloop, a plan which looks and sounds like pure science fiction.

If everything goes according to plan, the Hyperloop will be a system of long tubes set on top of towers which will run next to motorways. Inside the tubes people will travel inside capsules: about six passengers plus their luggage per capsule. **(3)**..... With no friction, Musk believes they will be able to travel at speeds of up to 1,220kph, nearly the speed of sound! It will take just half an hour to travel from Los Angeles to San Francisco. Currently the journey takes seven hours. The attraction of the Hyperloop is that it is much faster than a high-speed train, and, unlike planes, there will be no time wasted in taking off and landing.

Nevertheless, for journeys over 1,600 kilometres, Elon Musk believes that supersonic air travel will be preferable. In the last 50 years, there has been a sharp increase in the number of people travelling by air. **(4)**..... With this in mind, the company Airbus has already made plans for how they are going to make flying more attractive.

The engineers at Airbus think that in 2050, with new construction techniques and materials, planes will have transparent sections allowing you panoramic views from your seat. Seats will change size and shape to give you a more comfortable flight. And passengers will be able to choose between different zones in the plane such as an Interactive zone, where you'll be able to meet people and play electronic games, and a Relaxation zone, where special seats will give you a massage!

For shorter journeys, experts predict that cars will probably remain the most common means of transport. Of course, soon the self-driving car will be the norm, hopefully limiting the number of road accidents. But it probably won't be too long before we start seeing flying cars in our skies. **(5)**..... Soon, when you look up, you'll see hundreds of drones carrying everything from pizzas to heavy packages. A group of experts is meeting again next month to talk about the impact of drones on air traffic. But imagine when cars take to the skies, too. A major challenge will be how to produce flying cars that do not create terrible air and noise pollution, or serious collisions.

**(6)**..... Maybe that's one of the reasons why Japanese engineers are drawing up plans to put tourists into space using a massive elevator that will travel more than 35,000 kilometres into orbit. Thirty passengers and their small crew will spend a week travelling a quarter of the way to the Moon at speeds of up to 190kph. At the end of the journey, they'll reach a space station where they'll be able to get an astronaut's view of the Earth, with little or no training beforehand. The only problems at the moment are the cost of the elevator's construction (roughly estimated at $6 billion), and the fact that it could take 40 years to build!

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**3 Read the text again. Complete the gaps with sentences a–f.**

a All the evidence suggests that this trend is going to continue. [ ]

b Meanwhile, another of his companies, SpaceX, produces and launches various spacecraft and rockets. [ ]

c There are more and more people using public transport, driving their own cars, and flying around the world. [ ]

d Talking of accidents, it is often said that the safest form of transport is the elevator. [ ]

e Indeed, one of the biggest changes in the future will be the number of vehicles in the sky. [ ]

f The capsules will create a cushion of air underneath them. [ ]

**What do the underlined words in the text mean?Choose the correct meaning of each word in the box.**

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| **Riskiest** | **sudden rise** | **something that is usual or expected** | **at the present time** |
| **An autonomous or driverless vehicle** | | **the part of a space vehicle in which people travel** | |
| | **To prepare or write something** | | |

Norm:
Currently:
Self driving:
Drawing up:
Sharp increase:
Capsule:
Boldest:

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