

Electric cars are not new on the roads and we've all heard about the benefits of 'green cars', such as cutting greenhouse gases. In fact, electric vehicles, or EVs, are 100 per cent eco-friendly as they run on electrically powered engines. They don't emit toxic gases or smoke, so they have a low impact on the environment because they run on clean sustainable energy. They're even better than hybrid cars, which typically consume petrol or diesel fuel and therefore produce harmful emissions. Also, because EVs are much quieter than regular cars, they greatly reduce noise pollution.

Despite these advantages, some people still have reservations about EVs. For example, they may argue that there aren't enough electric fuelling stations, so there's a real risk of running out of charge if you're on a long trip. Other arguments against the use of EVs are the high cost of electricity and their long recharge time. If electricity was cheaper and fuelling stations easier to find, more people would consider buying EVs. Also, since most of the electric cars on today's market are small and only seat two people, families may not find them suitable for their needs.

But now local authorities in Dubai are offering interesting incentives to EV owners in an effort to make our roads greener. This is part of a larger plan, the Dubai Clean Energy Strategy 2050, which aims to make Dubai the place with the lowest carbon footprint in the world by 2050.

The good news for Dubai EV owners is that:

- they can charge their vehicle for free at Dewa-approved stations until 2019
- they have access to free designated green parking in Dubai
- they get free electric vehicle registration and renewal fees
- they receive a free Salik tag for their car and a licence plate sticker identifying it as an electric vehicle.

As one government official said, 'If we all drove electric cars, we'd live in clean, quiet cities.' So are you ready to buy an EV and join the 'green movement'?

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## Reading

1 Read the text about electric cars and decide whether the statements are true (T), false (F) or not given (NG).

- 1 The only benefit of EVs is that they don't emit toxic gases.
- 2 Not everyone thinks EVs are a good thing.
- 3 EVs are more expensive to buy than traditional cars.
- 4 EV owners can charge their cars for free anywhere in Dubai.

