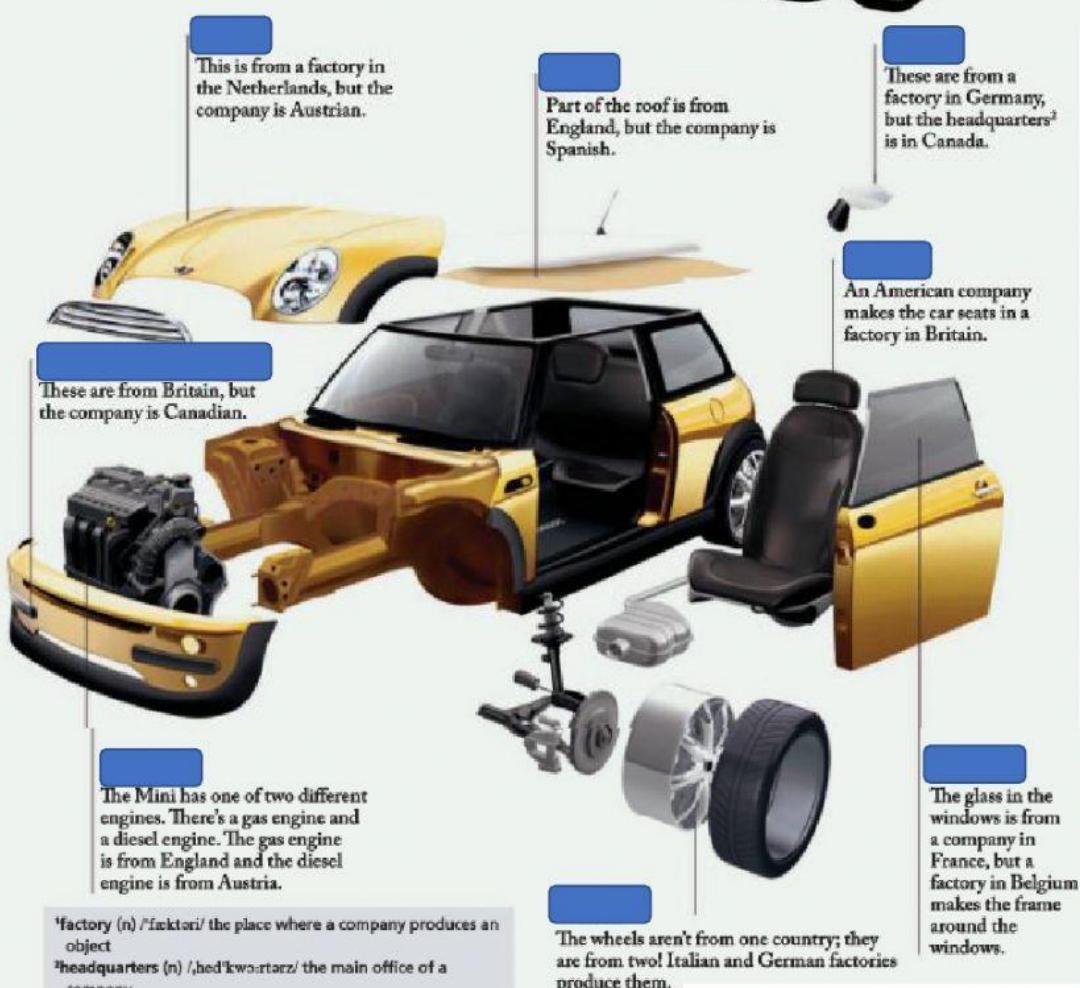


# GLOBAL OBJECTS

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The Mini was a [redacted] car until 2000. Now BMW, a German company, is the [redacted] of the Mini, but the car factory<sup>1</sup> is still in Oxford, England. There are 2,500 parts in the Mini, and they are from many different [redacted] in Europe and North America. So, where is a car from a German company, with international parts, and from a [redacted] in Britain really from? It's a global product.



<sup>1</sup>factory (n) /'fæktri/ the place where a company produces an object

<sup>2</sup>headquarters (n) /'hed'kwo:tərz/ the main office of a company

2 Read the article about the Mini. Match the correct answer (a–c) for each question (1–3).

- 1 Which country is BMW from? \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 Where are the parts for a Mini from? \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 Where is the factory for the Mini? \_\_\_\_\_

a Germany  
b Britain  
c Many different countries

## Critical thinking reading closely

3 Read sentences 1–8. Write the correct option for each sentence.

T = The sentence is true. The information is in the article.

F = The sentence is false. The information is different in the article.

NG = The information is not given in the article.

- 1 In the past, the Mini was a British car. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 The Mini is cheaper to make than in the past. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 The Mini is a global product. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 The Mini is famous in Brazil. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 The engines are from two different countries. \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 The seats are made in the US. \_\_\_\_\_
- 7 The windows are from a factory in Brazil. \_\_\_\_\_
- 8 The gas engine is made in the US. \_\_\_\_\_