

Intermediate 1

Unit 2 - Reading

New Ways of Getting Around

Look at the pictures and skim the article. Then write the name of the invention below each picture.



Here are some of the best new inventions for getting around.

If you love to take risks when you travel, this is for you: the **Wheelman**. The design is simple: two wheels and a motor. You put your feet in the wheels. It's very similar to skateboarding or surfing. You use your weight to steer, and you control the speed with a ball you hold in your hand.

Why use two wheels when you can use three? The **Trikke Scooter** looks a little silly, but it's serious transportation. The three wheels make it very stable. And because it's made of aluminum, it's very light. It moves by turning back and forth – just like skiing on the street.

Do you want an eco-friendly family car? If so, check out the **Leaf**. It's all-electric and gives off zero CO₂ emissions. It has an 80 kW motor and can travel up to 140 kph! You can recharge the battery up to 80 percent of capacity in just 30 minutes and recharge it fully overnight.

To get around town in style and park easily, there's nothing better than the **Twizy Z.E.** It has four wheels, but it's only 2.3 meters long and 1.13 meters wide – the passenger sits behind the driver. It has a zero-emission 15 kW electric motor that can reach a maximum speed of 75 kph.

A Read the article. Where do you think it is from? Check (✓) the correct answer.

- ☐ an instruction manual ☐ a catalog ☐ a news magazine ☐ an encyclopedia

B Match these questions to the correct answers.

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| 1. Which inventions have motors? | a) aluminum |
| 2. Where do you put your feet in the Wheelman? | b) overnight |
| 3. How do you steer the Wheelman? | c) the Wheelman, the Leaf (not stated in the reading), the Twizy Z.E. |
| 4. What is the Trikke Scooter made of? | d) in the wheels |
| 5. How does the Trikke Scooter move? | e) behind the driver |
| 6. How long does it take to fully recharge the Leaf? | f) 2.3 meters |
| 7. How long is the Twizy Z.E.? | g) by turning back and forth |
| 8. Where does the passenger sit in the Twizy Z.E.? | h) You use your body weight. |