

PET Listening Part 3 – Self-Driving Cars

You will hear a student giving a short presentation about self-driving cars.
For each question, choose the correct answer: A, B or C.

Questions

1. Why are self-driving cars becoming more common?

- A. They are cheaper than ordinary cars.
- B. New technology is making them more advanced.
- C. Most people prefer travelling alone.

2. What is one problem pedestrians may have with autonomous cars?

- A. They cannot always understand what the car intends to do.
- B. They cannot hear the car approaching.
- C. They do not know how to use traffic lights.

3. How do people usually communicate with human drivers?

- A. By using mobile phones.
- B. By using eye contact and gestures.
- C. By standing in the middle of the road.

4. What can an autonomous car use to communicate with pedestrians?

- A. Lights or screens.
- B. Loud music.
- C. A human passenger.

5. Why can jaywalking be difficult for a self-driving car?

- A. The pedestrian may behave unexpectedly.

- B. The pedestrian may be difficult to see at night.
- C. The pedestrian may not know the traffic rules.

6. What are researchers mainly trying to improve?

- A. The appearance of autonomous cars.
- B. The speed of robotaxis.
- C. Communication between cars and people.



Listening – Complete the Summary

Listen to the talk about self-driving cars and complete the summary.

Self-Driving Cars

Self-driving cars, also called **(1)** _____ **cars**, are an important new technology. However, there are some concerns from **(2)** _____ such as pedestrians and cyclists.

With a human driver, people can use **(3)** _____ and gestures to understand the driver's intention. Autonomous cars need other ways to **(4)** _____ with people, such as lights, screens or animations.

Another challenge is dealing with unexpected situations, such as **(5)** _____. Cars need to use cameras and sensors to identify a **(6)** _____ and react quickly.

Researchers are **(7)** _____ ways to make autonomous cars safer and easier for people to understand.