

CAE / Complete Advanced / Unit 9 / Extra: Bugatti Veyron

- Change the words on the right to fill in the gaps

Almost 100 years after the company's _____, Bugatti is once
again making _____ news with its latest sports car, the
Veyron. A car that's true to the founding spirit as its famous
_____, a car combining performance and passion, and
one that sees the Bugatti mark returning to its roots.

The Bugatti name was almost _____ within a decade after
its birth. From the very outset, the car was an eye-catcher, and a crowd
puller. Bugatti was a real _____'s car, driven by individuals
_____ about automobiles, and equally designed and built by
a family fuelled by passion. The spirit of this _____ family
can still be felt in each Bugatti built today. What made Bugatti so special?
It's the passion for the _____ that runs strong through the genes
of the Bugatti family.

FOUND

AUTOMOTIVE

PRECEDENCE

LEGEND

ENTHUSIASM

PASSION

REMARK

ARTIST

- Number the words and phrases that mean the same as the underlined words .

transmission	achieved
monumental	along
bring to mind; awaken	delicate
transmission system	make people feel
point of reference	below the surface

The Veyron emerged from this spirit of the Bugatti tradition. It is a work of art, if you like. Though a high-performance car, it features well-balanced proportions and filigree⁽¹⁾ design that elegantly hides much of the technology underneath.⁽²⁾ With more than 1,000 horsepower, the motor is an absolute benchmark⁽³⁾ in modern engine technology. The seven-gear, double-clutch gearbox⁽⁴⁾ capable of transmitting the 1,200 Nm torque without irregularities in the traction force is also totally innovative. Of course it requires an all-wheel drive⁽⁵⁾ to handle this load of power.

The best way of motivating a car developer is to give him the opportunity of driving the car himself, so he can experience every step of improvement. What helps the car to accelerate is its enormous torque of 1250 Nm, attained⁽⁶⁾ at no more than 2,000 revs per minute. The seven-gear, double-clutch gearbox enables it to reach the speed of 100 km/h in less than 2.5 seconds, 200 km/h in just over 7 seconds, and 300 km/h in 16.5 seconds. This spoiler is driven out at speeds over 200 km/h, also serving as an air brake. The Veyron did a great job of reviving the Bugatti brand. Every Veyron that we sell helps us spread the spirit of Bugatti in the world. However, what a car can and should convey⁽⁷⁾ is the joy of driving, the experience. This has a lot to do with weight, but also with the enthusiasm engineers had to summon up⁽⁸⁾ in order to create a car that's in every way formidable.⁽⁹⁾ Elegance paired⁽¹⁰⁾ with power and extreme technology is what makes the Veyron a true Bugatti. Thus the unique and special spirit that goes into making a Bugatti is just as strong today as it's ever been and will remain so for years to come.

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