

# 6.4

## BEATING THE TRAFFIC

### 1 LISTENING

A  6.01 **LISTEN FOR DETAIL** Listen to the podcast. Choose the correct answers.

- 1 What is the podcast about?  
a self-driving cars    b underwater cars    c flying cars
- 2 What is Teresa designing a car for?  
a emergencies    b entertainment    c to solve traffic problems
- 3 Does she think everyone will have one of these cars?  
a Yes.    b No.    c She's not sure.
- 4 When does Teresa think we will have these cars?  
a in a few years    b in several years    c never

B  6.01 Read each line from the podcast. Who said it? Check (✓) Steve or Teresa. Then listen to the podcast again to check your answers.

|   | Steve                    | Teresa                   |
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| 1 A lot of sci-fi movies show people driving around in the sky. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 My goal is to develop flying cars for emergencies.            | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 ... do you think flying cars will solve our traffic problems? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4 Can you tell us why?  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5 Flying ambulances won't have that problem.                    | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6 We still have a lot of work to do ...                         | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |



### 2 READING

A Read the comment by a podcast listener, Opinionzzz. Check (✓) the problems that he writes about. Circle the ones that Steve and Teresa already mentioned.

**Opinionzzz wrote:**

I hope we never have flying cars of any kind. I think even flying ambulances are a bad idea. Why? Well, first of all, if everyone is flying cars in the sky, we'll have traffic jams in the air! And imagine a car accident in the air – flying car parts might fall onto people on the ground. People in the flying cars might even fall out!

Second, we already have a lot of air pollution. I think that flying cars would create more of it. The air in big cities would be horrible.

Third, cars break down all the time. When your car breaks down, you just pull over to the side of the road. What will you do if your car breaks down in the air? Your car would probably just fall to the ground. That might destroy your car and even hurt someone else ... or worse.

I definitely don't think we should have flying cars. Let's find other ways to get ambulances to people more quickly.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> flying too fast        | <input type="checkbox"/> falling out of the sky |
| <input type="checkbox"/> traffic in the sky     | <input type="checkbox"/> too much noise         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> expensive cost of cars | <input type="checkbox"/> air pollution          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> cars breaking down     | <input type="checkbox"/> being afraid of flying |