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All Things Electric

Unit Goals:

- Learn how to describe vehicle features
- Learn about how electric technology is changing the world
- Learn how to use intensifiers and mitigators with comparatives and superlatives

Warm-up

A Work with a partner. Look at the pictures and discuss the questions.



Questions:

1. What do you think all of the vehicles above have in common?
2. Which of the vehicles have you actually seen or ridden on/in?

B Match the pictures to the correct descriptions.

1. ____ They have become a popular micromobility device for people who want to get to nearby places.
2. ____ Nowadays, you can see many of these two-wheel vehicles on the road, especially in Asian countries.
3. ____ The low availability of charging stations and their high prices stop many people from buying these vehicles.
4. ____ Some of these water vehicles now use solar panels to charge batteries that run electric motors.

Vocabulary



A Below are some words related to electric transportation. Listen and repeat them.

aspect	vehicle	capable	humanity
exchange	charger	normally	concern
transportation	battery	recharge	manufacture

B Match the definitions on the right to the correct words.

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|---------------------|---|
| 1. ____ capable | a. all people in the world |
| 2. ____ charger | b. to build or create products, usually from raw material |
| 3. ____ normally | c. in a usual way |
| 4. ____ manufacture | d. a piece of equipment that adds power to a battery |
| 5. ____ humanity | e. able to do a task |
| 6. ____ vehicle | f. something used to move people or goods from place to place |

C Complete the sentences with the correct words.

aspect	recharge	battery
exchange	concern	transportation

1. If the _____ in your scooter dies, you won't be able to ride it.
2. My _____ is that our planet will die if we don't do more to save it.
3. There are all sorts of public _____ available in the city to get around with.
4. One of the best _____ of electric cars is that they do not pollute the air.
5. You can _____ your old car for one that doesn't burn fuel to run.
6. People can _____ their electric scooters overnight at home.



Listening

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A Listen to the conversation.

Jolie: Guess what? I was talking to a dealer today, and I'm buying an electric scooter.

Adan: Really? Why do you want to do that? Are you worried about the environmental **aspects**¹ of riding a regular scooter that runs on gasoline?

Jolie: Well, yes. That's the main reason. However, electric motor technology and **batteries**² have gotten much better in the past 20 years. In fact, for what I need, an electric scooter is the best.

Adan: I hope you got the one that goes the fastest! I wanted to get one myself, but the ones I saw were a lot slower than gasoline-powered scooters, and I didn't think they were **capable**³ of going nearly as far.

Jolie: The one that I bought, a Maxi, is fast. Besides, it can travel up to 170 kilometers on a full battery. The longest I have to travel **normally**⁴ is only about 15 kilometers or so. There are also lots of places where I can **exchange**⁵ a spent battery for a fully-charged one.

Adan: Are you able to charge it at home as well?

Jolie: Yes. There is a special **charger**⁶ that I can use to charge a battery overnight if I want to.

Adan: That sounds ideal. You won't have to go buy gas anymore!

Jolie: I know. I love that. But I also like the fact that the motor is quite powerful. When I test-drove the one that I'm getting, it felt just as fast as my previous scooter which ran on gas.

Adan: That's good. When will you take delivery of your new scooter?

Jolie: The soonest I should get it is in two weeks. I could have gotten a different one a little bit sooner, but the color I wanted wasn't immediately available.

Adan: Well, congratulations on getting it. It's another small step towards helping to save our planet!



B Choose the correct answer for each question.

- What is true about the scooter the woman bought?
 - It is not brand new.
 - It is electric.
 - It runs on gasoline.
 - It is not expensive.
- What concern does the man have about the type of scooter the woman bought?
 - He thinks they break down too often.
 - He doesn't think they look very good.
 - He doesn't think they can go very far.
 - He thinks they cost too much money.

- What will the woman no longer need to do?
 - Wear a helmet
 - Borrow the man's scooter
 - Buy gasoline
 - Take the subway
- Why is the woman waiting to take delivery of her scooter?
 - She doesn't need it right now.
 - She will get a discount if she waits.
 - She is getting the money together first.
 - She wants a color that's not available now.

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C Listen and choose the best response for each question or statement.

- Sure, I can go by the gas station.
 - No, I'm not working there anymore.
 - Yes, I can talk to the dealer about it.
 - Yes, there are charging stations in the parking lot.
- The soonest I should get it is next week.
 - The longest I have to travel is about 20 kilometers.
 - I will take it for a test-drive.
 - Yeah, it is the one that goes the fastest.
- Yes, that's what I think too.
 - Really? I want to get one myself too.
 - I don't travel very far normally.
 - I like its color scheme.
- No, it runs much faster than a gas-powered car.
 - Yes, these batteries last much longer than in the past.
 - Yes, that's the main reason I'm buying an electric one.
 - No, because electric motor technology has gotten much better.

Useful Expressions

- It can travel up to 170 kilometers *on a full battery/charge*.
- I wanted to get one myself.*
- When will you take delivery of your new scooter?*
- The longest I have to travel normally is only about 15 kilometers or so.*

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D Listen to the short talk and choose the correct picture.



Reading

06 **A** Read the article about electric transportation.

The Electric Transportation Revolution

It seems like the current **trend**¹ in transportation is away from engines that burn **fuel**² and towards those that are powered by electric motors. This method of **getting about**³ has all sorts of benefits. The one that is most pronounced is that these electric vehicles (EVs) do not pollute the air with exhaust fumes from burning fuels like gasoline or diesel. In addition, electric motors are much quieter, so the switch to electric vehicles is helping to **eliminate**⁴ both air pollution and noise pollution.



Electric transportation has another major benefit in that the electricity can come from green sources. Solar or wind power can be used to charge an electric vehicle, and it does not cost anything. Instead of buying gasoline or **relying on**⁵ other energy sources, people can simply use these far cheaper forms of energy to power EVs. It is for this reason that making the **transition**⁶ to EVs is considered

one of the best things that can be done to reduce energy costs.

Electric vehicles have a much longer history than most people think. Most subways, trams, and trains in cities throughout the world use electricity as their power source. The first electric streetcar was introduced in Berlin, Germany, in 1881. These types of transportation use collector systems to power them, which means they need to stay on a particular rail or track, as that is where their power is coming from. However, the latest electric scooters, cars, and trucks use batteries, which gives them much greater freedom to move about.

Electric vehicles are not **confined**⁷ to land. Today, there are companies that manufacture electric boats that are **equipped**⁸ with solar panels. As the boats are moored in the sun, their batteries constantly get charged. The boats come in different sizes, from small pleasure boats to larger ferries. The best part about them is they never need to be filled with fuel!

The air above us is also a place where electric vehicles move about. Electric drones are very popular today, and they are used for all sorts of tasks. Farmers use them to survey their fields, and film companies use them for **aerial**⁹ shots. Compared to hiring a helicopter or airplane, these drones are considerably more **cost-effective**¹⁰.



55 As for taking passengers in flight, electric
airplane technology is **advancing**¹¹, although
not nearly as quickly as land or water-based
vehicles. In the past decade, the airplanes Solar
Impulse 1 and Solar Impulse 2 have proven that
60 round-the-world flight using only solar power is
possible. While it may take a long time before
such electric airplanes find a commercial use,
these airplanes have proved that this idea has
practical potential.



65 Due to greater **awareness**¹² of environmental issues such as climate change, the **demand**¹³
for all kinds of electric transportation is likely to grow to the point where these vehicles
become the **norm**¹⁴. The internal combustion engine, which helped **transform**¹⁵ the world
by making long-distance transportation easy and inexpensive, is on its way out. In its place
will be cleaner, quieter electric vehicles. They will help us not only breathe better, but sleep
70 better as well.

B Choose the correct answer for each question.

1. According to the article, what is one of the major benefits of electric vehicles?
 - a. They are much lighter than older vehicles.
 - b. They do not pollute the air with exhaust fumes.
 - c. They burn fuel in their engines.
 - d. They only use electricity from green sources.
2. What is NOT true about the first electric streetcar?
 - a. It was introduced in Berlin, Germany.
 - b. It appeared in 1881.
 - c. It used batteries to power it.
 - d. It used a collector system.
3. What is the Solar Impulse 1?
 - a. A type of electric boat
 - b. An electric car
 - c. An electric plane
 - d. An electric power plant
4. What can be inferred about internal combustion engines?
 - a. They won't be used very much in the future.
 - b. They will soon replace electric vehicles.
 - c. They will grow in popularity.
 - d. They are much quieter than electric motors.

5. What will cause the demand for electric vehicles to continue to increase?
 - a. Falling prices
 - b. Environmental awareness
 - c. Investment potential
 - d. Advancing technology

C Complete the sentences with the correct words.

confine	fuel	advance	eliminate
equip	transform	transition	trend

1. If we all do our part, we can help _____ the world into a cleaner, greener place.
2. The best thing about an electric car is you don't need to use gasoline as _____.
3. My car is _____ with a GPS system, so I never get lost anymore.
4. To help _____ pollution, many public buses are now electric.
5. The electric trains are _____ to riding on tracks, but they are found throughout the city.



Grammar Check

Degree and Intensity—Comparatives and Superlatives

When comparing things, comparative adjectives show differences by matters of degree.

hot → hotter → the hottest

By adding intensifiers or mitigators, we can modify the comparison.

hot → hotter → **a little** hotter → **much** hotter → **a lot** hotter → the hottest
hot → less hot → **a little** less hot → **considerably** less hot → the least hot

Stronger—Intensifiers

Comparatives: 1. so much, a lot, far, considerably + more/less . . . (than)
2. not nearly, not anywhere near + as . . . as

Superlatives: easily, by far, far and away + the most/least

Examples:

- The ones I saw were **a lot slower than** gasoline-powered scooters.
- In addition, electric motors are **much quieter**.
- Compared to hiring a helicopter, these drones are **considerably more cost-effective**.
- They were **not** capable of going **nearly as far as** gasoline scooters.
- This car drove **by far the fastest**.

Weaker—Mitigators

Comparatives: 1. a little, a bit, a little bit, slightly, somewhat + more/less . . . (than)
2. not quite, almost, nearly + as . . . as

Superlatives: just about, one of + the most/least

Examples:

- I could have gotten a different one **a little bit sooner**.
- I think taking a taxi is **not quite as bad as** driving your own car.
- When we burn fuels to provide electricity or to power our vehicles, it is **one of the worst** things we can do to the planet.

A Choose the correct answer for each sentence.

1. Taking the subway doesn't pollute _____ driving your car.
a. the most b. the least c. a little d. nearly as much as

2. That electric car is by far _____ model that the company makes.
a. the most expensive b. more expensive c. as expensive as d. just about expensive
3. I would have arrived _____, but the traffic on the road was bad.
a. a little bit sooner b. nearly sooner c. almost sooner d. much less soon
4. These electric scooters are cheap, but they're _____ than the other models.
a. comparatively slow b. the least slow c. a lot slower d. easily slower
5. I like this electric car, but I still think the other one is _____.
a. slightly better b. far best c. just about better d. more better

B Rephrase the sentences using an intensifier or mitigator.

1. This model is slightly cheaper than that one.
That model is _____ more expensive than this one.
2. These electric boats are slow, but they are still somewhat faster than that one.
That electric boat is _____ the slowest one.
3. This train arrived far later at the station than the other train.
The other train arrived _____ sooner than this train.
4. That scooter goes far and away the farthest on a single battery charge.
The other scooters don't go _____ as far as that scooter.
5. Driving eco-friendly cars is considerably better than driving gasoline-powered cars.
Driving gasoline-powered cars is _____ worse than driving eco-friendly cars.

C Fill in the blanks to modify the comparatives/superlatives.

slightly not nearly as . . . as much by far X

Martin cares about the environment, and he believed not driving his car to work every day was ❶ _____ the best thing he could do to help protect the environment. But he needed to find another way to go to work. He could walk to work, but that would take ❷ _____ more time each morning. He also thought about riding his bicycle to work. He could do that on days when it wasn't raining. However, during ❸ _____ the hottest times of the year, it could be difficult. He would show up at work very sweaty. After some research, he decided that riding an electric scooter was ❹ _____ better than other choices. It was ❺ _____ good _____ taking public transportation, but he couldn't do that all the time because the bus station was too far away from where he lives. However, he was still doing something better for the environment, so that was a good thing.

Guided Writing

A Read the sample review of an electric scooter.

Brand: Kia	Price	\$3,500	Charging Time	2–3 hours
Model: Mexi 5	Weight	105 kg	Range	90 km/charge
Reviewed by Anna	Colors	5 colors	Top Speed	80 km/h
	Features	digital dash, USB ports, smartphone connection, navigation, touch ID, anti-theft alarm, home-charging capability		

I recently bought a Mexi 5. It’s not nearly as budget-friendly as other scooters, but it’s worth the money.

I especially like its home-chargeable removable battery, which means I don’t have to find charging points. It only takes less than three hours to charge the battery to full, and it can travel up to 90 km on a full charge. Its motor is also quite powerful—the top speed is 80 km/h, which is much better than normal electric scooters.

The Mexi 5 is equipped with USB ports and a digital dashboard, which includes many practical features, such as navigation, smartphone connectivity, touch ID security, and more.

It takes on Kia’s classic retro design, but its color scheme gives it a warmer and more vintage vibe. The one I bought is a retro blue; it’s also available in four other colors.

One thing I don’t like about it is its weight. It weighs 105 kg without the battery—this is a lot heavier than Kia’s old models. Though this makes it much more stable on the move, I need to use a lot of effort whenever I reposition it.

B Now, compare Kia’s Mexi 5 and Mexi 5 Mini. Use the sample above to help you write a review of the Mexi 5 Mini.

Brand: Kia	Price	\$2,800	Charging Time	4–5 hours
Model: Mexi 5 Mini	Weight	75 kg	Range	70 km/charge
Reviewed by _____	Colors	3 colors	Top Speed	65 km/h
	Features	digital dash, USB ports, smartphone connection, touch ID, home-charging capability		

I recently bought a Mexi 5 Mini. _____

I especially like its _____

The Mexi 5 Mini is equipped with _____

It takes on Kia’s classic retro design, _____

One thing I don’t like about it is _____

Speaking

A Work with a partner. Read the following phrases for talking about choices.

- This is the cheapest/best way to . . .
- My best option is . . .
- I’ll probably . . .
- I’d go with . . .
- I like . . . most/best.

 B Listen to a sample dialogue and take turns role-playing the dialogue.

- A: Congratulations on your new job! So, are you buying a ¹ scooter?
- B: No, *I’ll probably* just use my ¹ bicycle. I think *this is the* ² cheapest way to get to work, as I don’t have to ³ travel very far.
- A: Yes, and by doing this, you can help save the environment.
- B: Right, we all have to do our part to keep the world healthy.
- A: What will you do on days when it is ² raining?
- B: I think *my best option is* to take public transportation. I like all the green choices our city has to offer.
- A: Me too, and *I like* our ³ bus services most!

C Now, with your partner, replace the underlined words with the following words and go over the conversation.

- 1. car
- 2. very hot
- 3. subway system

- 1. electric scooter
- 2. best
- 3. ride

