

## Test-Drive



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Cars are built each year. If a car is a new design, it has to be tested. The carmaker needs to make sure its new car is safe.

First, the car is checked on a big machine. The car starts and the wheels spin. The machine checks all the car's parts.

If the car has a problem, it is fixed. Then the car gets another test. Workers drive it on a test track. Any new problems are fixed.

Then the car is driven on a road. If the car passes, more cars can be built. Then the new cars can be sold!

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**Directions:** For questions 1-4, circle the correct answer.

1. What do carmakers do to make sure that cars with new designs are safe?

- a) The car is destroyed.
- b) The car is sold.
- c) The car is tested.

2. How are new car models tested after workers drive them on a test track?

- a) They are driven on a road.
- b) They are checked on a big machine.
- c) They are checked by a computer.

3. Cars can be tested in different ways. Which information from the passage shows this is true?

- a) If the car passes the test, more cars can be built.
- b) Cars are first tested by big machines then by people.
- c) Cars are built each year.

4. What is the theme of "Test-Drive"?

- a) testing new car models
- b) driving new cars
- c) building new car models

5. A) What can workers do if they find a problem with the car during one of the tests?

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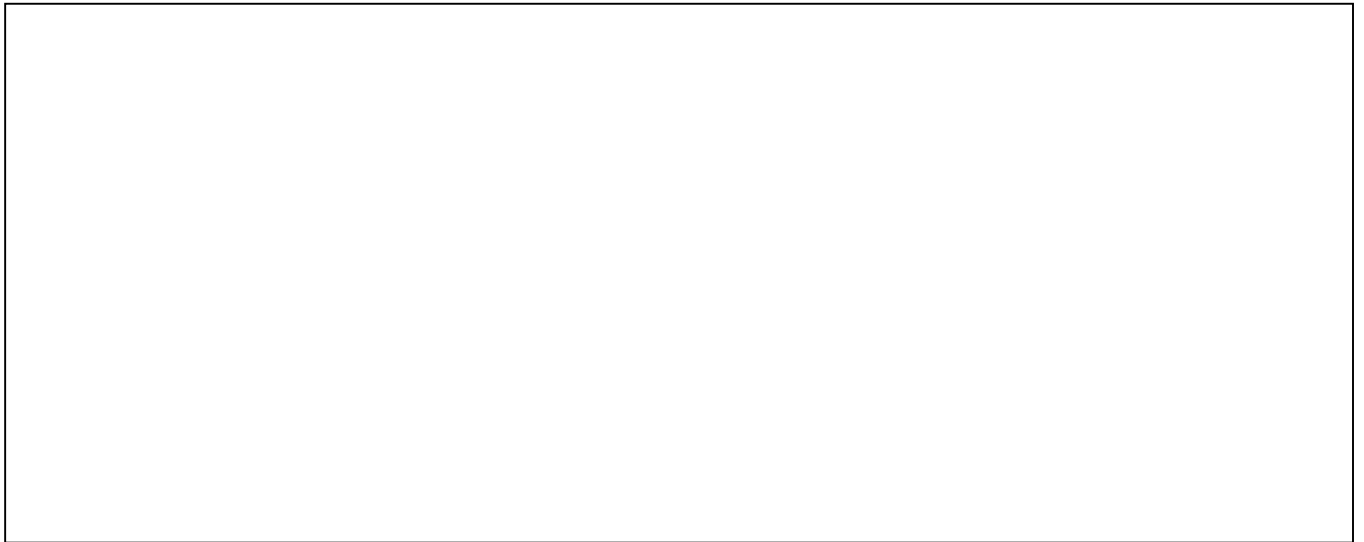
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- B) Draw a picture of a new car design being tested.



6. What did you learn from "Test-Drive"?

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**7. Class Discussion Question:** Why would more cars be built after the car with a new design passes all the tests? Support your answer with information from the passage.

**Teacher Guide & Answers**

**Note to Teacher:** Read each question out loud to your students and have each student complete the worksheet independently. For questions 5 A) and 6, you can have students draw their answers, answer orally, or write their answers depending on your students' progress. If you have them write their answers, you may want to write the word(s) on the board for them to copy. Question 7 is a class discussion question.

**Passage Reading Level:** Lexile 420

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**Suggested answer:** If workers find a problem with the car, they can *fix the problem*.

- B) Draw a picture of a new car design being tested.

**Suggested answer:** Students' pictures may vary but should depict at least one of the three phases of testing mentioned in the passage. These phases include:

- The car is checked on a big machine.
- Workers drive the car on a test track.
- The car is driven on a road.

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**Suggested answer:** Answers may vary and should be supported by the passage.

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**Class Discussion Question:** Why would more cars be built after the car with a new design passes all the tests? Support your answer with information from the passage.

**Suggested answer:** Students should indicate that more cars would be built because if there were any problems with the car, they were fixed and more cars with the updated design can be built since it is safe.