

The 7 Steps -
September



1. CONTEXT



Tesla

Mindmap anything you know about the topic, including vocabulary. Do some research online to help.

2. QUESTIONS

Read the listening questions to check your understanding. Look up any new vocabulary.

Listening Questions 1

1. When was Tesla founded?
_____.
2. Who is their CEO and what other company is he the CEO of?
_____.
3. What do they make in their Fremont factory and how many people are employed there?
_____.
4. What did Tesla begin doing in early 2019?
_____.
5. What did Tesla announce in 2017?
_____.

3. LISTEN

Listen and answer the questions using full sentences. Circle the number of times and % you understood.

Listening Questions 2

1. When was Tesla's first Gigafactory opened?
_____.
2. Where is it and what famous city is located in the same state?
_____.
3. As of 2019, how big was the Gigafactory?
_____.
4. What does the company make at the factory?
_____.
5. How fast can the Model 3 go?
_____.

Listening 1				
1	2	3	4	5
%	%	%	%	%

Listening 2				
1	2	3	4	5
%	%	%	%	%

Discussion Questions

1. Have you ever driven a hybrid or fully electric car? How is it different to a regular car?
2. How will vehicles and driving be different ten years from now?

4. CHECK ANSWERS

Read through the transcript and underline the answers. Check them against your own answers.

5. CHECK VOCABULARY

Read the transcript and circle any new vocabulary you find. Look them up and add them to your list.

6. READ ALOUD

Read the transcript aloud at least 5 times, focusing on intonation and pronunciation.

1	2	3	4	5
1	2	3	4	5

7. SHADOWING

Say the transcript aloud at the same time as the audio without reading it. Circle how many times below.

1	2	3	4	5
1	2	3	4	5

TRANSCRIPT 1

Tesla was established in 2003 and one of the things they manufacture are electric vehicles. The CEO of the company, Elon Musk, is also the chief executive officer of SpaceX. In September 2018 it was announced that ZOZO, Inc. founder Yusaku Maezawa is planning a trip into space in a SpaceX vehicle in 2023.

As of 2019, Tesla explains that all of their vehicles are made in their Fremont, California plant near San Francisco. According to the company, they bought the facility in 2010 and over 10,000 employees work there. One of the cars they build there is their Model 3.

Tesla has other factories as well including their Gigafactory and Gigafactory 2, and in early January 2019, Tesla **'broke ground'** on what will be their new factory near Shanghai. It has been reported that the factory will produce Model 3 cars. Tesla's Gigafactory 2 is located in Buffalo, New York.

Most people probably **associate** Tesla with cars, but in late 2017 Tesla **revealed** a very large vehicle, the 'Semi', a big electric transportation truck.

MATCH THE SYNONYMS BY DRAWING LINES BELOW:

Associate	At some point in the future
Break ground	Achieve
Reveal	Huge
Eventually	Publicly state something
Reach	Start work on
Enormous	Identify

TRANSCRIPT 2

Construction on Tesla's Gigafactory started in 2014 and opened in the summer of 2016. The **enormous** facility is located in the state of Nevada, roughly 700 kilometers northwest of Las Vegas.

One of the things the factory produces are the batteries for the company's Model 3 cars. According to Tesla the factory will be built in stages and they plan to expand further in the future. They think it could be the largest building in the world once it's finished and they also say that it will **eventually** be mostly powered by solar energy. In 2019 Tesla's website stated that their factory's 'footprint' was nearly 2 million square feet or roughly 186,000 square meters.

In addition to batteries, in 2019 the Gigafactory also produced the electric motors for its Model 3 car. The Model 3 is a fully electric vehicle that the company says can go 310 miles, can **reach** 60 mph in just over 3 seconds, and achieve top speed of 155 mph.