





Reading

What is different about this car?





Do you know anything about the first car that Henry Ford built?

Read the text in one minute and talk to your partner.

vocabulary

well-known: famous

repair: fix

invent: make something for the first time

factory:



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Henry Ford


Read lines 1 to 15. (1 minute) Who was Henry Ford?
When was he born?

Read lines 15 to 25. (1 minute)
When did he invent the first car?
What was the name of the first car?

Read lines 25 to 33. (1 minute)
How many cars did the company sell?
When did he die?

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Read the sentences. Answer *True*, *False* or *I don't know*.

- 1 Henry Ford was born in Detroit, which is a city in Michigan.
- 2 Henry liked working with machines in his free time.
- 3 The Ford Quadricycle became a very popular car.
- 4 Henry started his own car company in 1908.
- 5 Henry's new Model T was quite an expensive car.
- 6  Henry was a clever businessman.

TIP!

where for places

Henry found work at a factory. **where** he learnt more about machines.

Now listen and read.
Then read aloud.
Then summarize the text.

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In 1903, he started a business called the Ford Motor Company. After that, Henry designed a better car, which he called the Model T.

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