



Read and listen. What was the first car that Henry built?

# Henry Ford

Henry Ford was a famous American **entrepreneur**. He started the Ford Motor **Company**, which now sells millions of cars around the world every year.

Henry Ford was born in 1863 in Dearborn, which is a town in Michigan. Henry, who grew up on a small farm, always enjoyed repairing machines. When he was 16 years old, he moved to Detroit, which is the largest city in Michigan. He found work at a factory, where he learnt more about machines.

Henry liked inventing machines in his free time. In 1896, he built his first car, which he called the Ford **Quadricycle**.



In 1903, he started a **business** called the Ford Motor Company.

After that, Henry **designed** a better car, which he called the Model T.

Henry's new company sold the first Model T car in 1908. The Model T wasn't too **expensive**, so many people could buy it. During Henry's life, the Ford Motor Company sold 15 **million** Model T cars. It also became one of the **biggest** businesses in the United States. It was **well-known** for mass production of inexpensive goods and high wages for its workers. Henry died in 1947, at the age of 83.

14 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!

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

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