

THE FIRST CAR¹

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Karl Benz

Karl Benz was born in 1844 in Germany. He devoted his life to making a horseless vehicle.

Three-wheeled car

Benz's first car appeared on the streets in 1885. It was three-wheeled engine-driven machine. People couldn't believe that it moved without the aid of horses.

Components of the car

The first car was a great triumph to Benz because he built a new engine that was lighter and more powerful than any other. Benz put it onto a chassis and got power from the engine to the wheels. He designed everything – the engine, fuel, transmission and controls.

Speed limits

At that time the speed limits were 12 kilometers an hour outside the city, six – inside. It was difficult for Benz to improve his cars with this rule.

An ideal plan

Benz thought up a plan. He invited the Minister to ride in his car. But before that he asked a milkman to wait with his horse for them on a certain place.

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Result of the plan

Benz with the Minister in his car passed the milkman. The milkman started off, passed the car at a good speed and laughed at

them. The Minister ordered to go faster. But Benz referred to speed limit. «Never mind», said the Minister. So the plan worked perfectly and Benz won the day.

Вашему вниманию предлагаются задания, в которых могут быть 1, 2, 3 или большее число правильных ответов. Нажимайте на клавиши с номерами всех правильных ответов:

1. KARL BENZ WAS BORN IN

- 1) 1830
- 2) 1834
- 3) 1844
- 4) 1843
- 5) 1854

IN

- 1) Canada
- 2) America
- 3) Australia
- 4) Germany
- 5) Great Britain

2. KARL BENZ DEVOTED HIS LIFE TO MAKING

- 1) a car
- 2) a ship
- 3) a train
- 4) a bicycle
- 5) an airplane
- 6) an automobile
- 7) a steam engine
- 8) a horseless vehicle

3. HIS FIRST CAR BENZ MADE IN

- 1) 1883
- 2) 1880
- 3) 1885
- 4) 1888
- 5) 1985
- 6) 1990

4. THE «CAR» HAD AN ENGINE AND

- 1) 1
- 2) 2
- 3) 3
- 4) 4

WHEEL(S)

5. THE CAR MOVED

- 1) silently
- 2) with the help of people
- 3) with the help of horses
- 4) without the help of horses

PEOPLE

- 1) were
- 2) were not

AMAZED

6. BENZ'S CAR WAS A

- 1) failure
- 2) success
- 3) triumph

BECAUSE HIS NEW ENGINE WAS

- 1) lighter
- 2) heavier
- 3) weaker
- 4) simpler
- 5) powerful

7. KARL BENZ DESIGNED

- 1) fuel
- 2) body
- 3) engine
- 4) wheels
- 5) controls
- 6) transmission

FOR HIS CAR

8. HE PUT THE

- 1) body
- 2) clutch
- 3) engine
- 4) flywheel
- 5) speedometer

ONTO A CHASSIS AND GOT POWER FROM THE

- 1) body
- 2) clutch
- 3) engine
- 4) flywheel
- 5) speedometer

TO THE WHEELS

9. SPEED LIMITS WERE

1) 12

2) 6

1) feet

3) meters

2) inches

4) kilometers

AN HOUR {outside, inside} THE CITY

10. BENZ

1) could

2) couldn't

IMPROVE HIS CAR BECAUSE OF THE LIMIT OF

1) fuel

2) time

3) speed

4) engine

5) brakes

11. BENZ THOUGHT UP A PLAN TO

1) make

2) fulfill

3) realize

4) change

THE SPEED LIMITS

12. HE INVITED THE

1) king

2) Minister

3) President

4) milkman

TO RIDE IN HIS CAR

13. BENZ ASKED THE

1) king 3) President

2) Minister 4) milkman

TO WAIT WITH HIS

1) car

2) horse

3) vehicle

4) bicycle

FOR THEM ON A CERTAIN PLACE

14. BENZ WITH THE

- 1) king
- 2) Minister
- 3) President
- 4) milkman

IN HIS CAR PASSED THE

- 1) milkman
- 2) king
- 3) Minister
- 4) President

15. THE MILKMAN PASSED

- 1) Benz
- 2) the car
- 3) the horse
- 4) the Minister
- 5) the President

AT A

- 1) bad
- 2) low
- 3) good
- 4) high

SPEED

16. THE MILKMAN

- 1) waved
- 2) smiled
- 3) spoke to
- 4) laughed at
- 5) shouted for

THE MINISTER AND KARL BENZ

17. THE MINISTER ORDERED TO

- 1) stop
- 2) go on
- 3) go faster
- 4) continue
- 5) pay attention

18. BENZ REFERRED TO

- 1) car
- 2) fuel
- 3) time
- 4) speed
- 5) engine
- 6) brakes

LIMIT

19. THE PLAN WORKED

- 1) badly
- 2) ideally
- 3) perfectly
- 4) awfully
- 5) beautifully
- 6) wonderfully

20. KARL BENZ

- 1) had
- 2) won
- 3) lost
- 4) spent

THE DAY