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Pre-Intermediate Student’s Book

Life

Transport in the future

Meet the Watts. They are a three-car family in the near future which uses electric vehicles.

**Bob** is similar to most commuters. He charges his car at home overnight so it’s ready for the morning rush hour. If he needs more electricity, there’s a ‘charging station’ in the oﬃce car park.

**Sonia’s** car travels about 30 kilometres on a full battery so it’s good for short trips such as going to the shops or visiting friends nearby. The car also has its own computer which tells her if there are traﬃc jams or road works on the road ahead.

**Justin** works from home but enjoys going on a long journey in his sports car at the weekend. Instead of going to a petrol station for petrol, he can change his battery on the motorway or plug into a high-voltage charger. Another device in the car’s engine stops him from going over the speed limit.

Their neighbours still use a car with a petrol engine but most cars have electric engines. The roads are quieter and there is less pollution so life is also better for pedestrians and cyclists!