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Can You Believe
It's True?

True Facts on **CARS**



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School-to-Home Support for Caregivers and Teachers

This high-interest book is designed to motivate striving students with engaging topics while building fluency, vocabulary, and an interest in reading. Here are a few questions and activities to help the reader build upon his or her comprehension skills.

Before Reading:

- *What do I think this book is about?*
- *What do I know about this topic?*
- *What do I want to learn about this topic?*
- *Why am I reading this book?*

During Reading:

- *I wonder why...*
- *I'm curious to know...*
- *How is this like something I already know?*
- *What have I learned so far?*

After Reading:

- *What was the author trying to teach me?*
- *What are some details?*
- *How did the photographs and captions help me understand more?*
- *Read the book again and look for the vocabulary words.*
- *What questions do I still have?*


Extension Activities:

- *What was your favorite part of the book? Write a paragraph on it.*
- *Draw a picture of your favorite thing you learned from the book.*

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What kind of car would you like to drive? One powered by electricity or gasoline? A sports car or an SUV? White (the most popular color) or purple (the least popular color)?



Be ready to get behind the wheel! Keep reading to learn all kinds of captivating car facts.

Crazy about Cars

Cars give us the power to quickly get where we want to go. No wonder people love them. There are about 1.5 billion cars in the world.



How long would it take to drive a car to the moon?

If you could drive straight up through Earth's atmosphere, traveling at a speed of 60 miles per hour (97 km/h), you'd get there in about six months.

Love It's True?



1966 Volvo P1800 S

A teacher in Long Island, New York, put more than 3 million miles (4.8 million km) on his 1966 Volvo. The word *volvo*, by the way, is Latin for “I roll.”

Glossary

acceleration (ak-SEL-uh-ray-shuhn): The process of moving faster; gaining speed

collision (kuh-LIZH-uhn): A sudden and violent striking together of two objects, such as moving vehicles

cruise control (krooz kuhn-TROHL): A system that automatically controls the speed of a vehicle

gasoline (GAS-uh-leen): A liquid fuel made from oil and used to power internal combustion engines

icon (EYE-kahn): A person or thing widely admired for having great influence or importance

internal combustion engine (in-TUR-nuhl kuhm-BUS-chuhn EN-jin): A machine that makes a car move by burning gasoline in an enclosed space, producing hot gases that drive pistons

luxurious (lugh-ZHOOR-ee-uhs): Comfortable, elegant, and expensive

models (MAH-duhlz): Types or designs of products; carmakers produce many car models

production (pruh-DUHK-shuhn): Mass-produced and available for sale to anyone; not custom-made

SUVs (es-yoo-veez): Abbreviation for *sport utility vehicles*; rugged vehicles built on truck frames

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Kim Thompson is always trying to learn new, unbelievable facts! Her perfect day would include hiking in the woods, riding her bike, winning a board game, reading a good book, and eating pineapple pizza. Would she hang out with any animals? Of course! She'd visit the Columbus Zoo near her home in Ohio. Kim lives with her husband and two fluffy, white "cloud cats."

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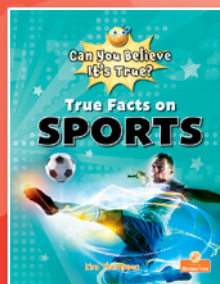
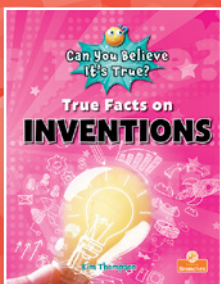
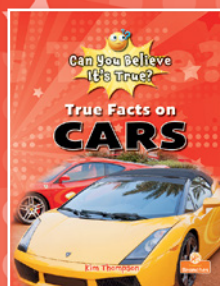
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Can you believe that there are about 1.5 billion cars in the world? Or that the first electric vehicle was invented in the 1800s? It's all true! Look inside to discover more astounding automobile facts about vehicles throughout history and around the world.

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