

# Unit 7 reading

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Look at the photographs of the Segway Personal Transporter and read the first paragraph from an article about a type of transport. Choose the correct responses.

|                                                                | True                                | False                    |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| The Segway first went on sale in the 20 <sup>th</sup> century. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| The Segway is used by police.                                  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| The Segway is a very successful product.                       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Tourists can use a Segway in some cities.                      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

The Segway PT, first sold in 2001, is one of the most recent transport inventions. It was given the name Segway, which is pronounced the same as the word segue, meaning 'to move smoothly from one place to another'. It has not been as successful as hoped, but it has become a common sight in certain places around the world. Although the Segway has a number of specific advantages, it also has some disadvantages which prevent it being used everywhere.

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Scan the article and put the ideas in the order that they are mentioned.

Its name

How to drive it ☒

How green it is

Where police use it

Comparison to a motorcycle

What happened to the inventor of the Segway

danger on the roads. Its lack of protection for the driver and its narrow shape mean that it would be unsafe both for the driver and for other road users. Additionally, because it is powered by a motor, it is often not considered safe on pavements with pedestrians. Its extra height allows the rider to see other people more clearly, but the Segway is not able to move as quickly as a human being and could cause accidents. Finally, it isn't always easy to control, especially if the ground is uneven. Sadly, the owner of the Segway company died when his Segway went over the edge of a cliff and into a river.

The Segway is a new and very different way of personal transportation and has many different uses in a variety of environments around the world. However, before it is introduced

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Advantages

Disadvantages

It can stay upright. ✓

It is a green method of transport. ✓

Changing direction is easy. ✓

The driver has no protection. ✓

It cannot move quickly. ✓

It can be difficult to control. ✓

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The most obvious advantages are its ability

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UNIT 7: Discovery and invention   Exercise 4: Reading for detail

Read the text and then choose the correct responses.

- ☐ The Segway has been more successful than predicted. ✓  
☐ The Segway has been less successful than predicted.
- ☐ The word Segway means 'to move smoothly from one place to another'. ✓  
☐ The word segue means 'to move smoothly from one place to another'.
- ☒ Its main advantages are that it stays upright and is easy to drive. ✓  
☐ Its main advantages are that it stays upright and can go fast.
- ☒ Another advantage is that it can be used indoors and in places where pollution could damage old buildings. ✓  
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The most obvious advantages are its ability to remain upright and that it is easy to 'drive'. To move forward, the rider just needs to move their weight forward and to move backwards, their weight backwards. There is a simple handlebar for turning

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places where pollution could damage old buildings.

☐ Another advantage is that it can be used indoors and in places with new buildings.

5 ☒ The Segway is very popular with tourist groups in China and Italy. ✓

☐ The Segway is very popular with tourist groups in Spain and Italy.

6 ☒ Police use Segways in areas where there are a lot of cars. ✓

☐ Police use Segways in areas where there are a lot of people.

needs to move their weight forward and to move backwards, their weight backwards. There is a simple handlebar for turning left or right. And because the Segway is battery-powered, it is

Your score is 6/6.

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Exercise 4: Reading for detail Show Dashboard Exercise 6: Prefixes (1)

1 We probably won't have flying cars. (30%)

2 The Segway definitely won't become a common form of transport. (10%) ✓

3 However, it will definitely be used in places where cars cannot go. (90%) ✓

4 The makers of the Segway probably won't find a solution to the problem of control. (30%) ✓

5 In the future, other types of personal transport will probably be developed. (70%) ✓

6 Most new ideas for transport probably won't be very successful. (30%) ✓

7 However, there could possibly be an invention that becomes very popular. (50%) ✓

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Exercise 5: Predictions Show Dashboard Exercise 7: Prefixes (2)

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UNIT 7: Discovery and invention Exercise 6: Prefixes

Match the prefixes with the root words to make adjectives.

|         |            |   |
|---------|------------|---|
| 1 mis   | understand | ✓ |
| 2 re    | write      | ✓ |
| 3 dis   | ability    | ✓ |
| 4 un    | safe       | ✓ |
| 5 im    | possible   | ✓ |
| 6 under | graduate   | ✓ |

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Guess the words in the sentences to complete the word search.

|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| U | A | M | I | S | U | N | D | E | R | S | T | A | N | D |
| N | A | N | S | S | C | C | N | J | I | K | L | P | O | Y |
| D | D | M | U | N | S | A | F | E | B | B | I | F | J | R |
| E | G | J | L | H | V | O | B | P | R | R | M | Q | O | E |
| R | H | G | B | J | V | U | H | P | H | E | P | W | I | W |
| G | U | Q | N | R | F | I | H | K | J | F | O | D | A | R |
| R | I | W | M | T | G | Q | I | D | U | D | S | F | S | I |
| A | O | E | D | G | E | Z | A | R | Q | P | S | G | H | T |
| D | P | D | F | B | Q | Z | L | F | K | Y | I | Y | G | E |
| U | K | F | T | N | W | F | L | G | L | N | B | U | J | H |
| A | K | G | E | M | K | R | G | H | U | K | L | N | E | F |
| T | L | H | R | V | L | T | H | Y | L | H | E | M | R | L |
| F | O | D | I | S | A | B | I | L | I | T | Y | F | F | P |

- After an accident during testing, the company decided the car was u\_\_\_\_\_ ✓
- He deleted the file by mistake so he had to r\_\_\_\_\_ his plan. ✓
- Before the aeroplane was invented, people thought that it was i\_\_\_\_\_ for man to fly. ✓
- This new type of transport could be useful for a person with a d\_\_\_\_\_. ✓
- The technology company visits universities to talk to u\_\_\_\_\_ designers about future employment. ✓
- If the instructions are not clear, it is easy to m\_\_\_\_\_ them. ✓

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UNIT 7: Discovery and invention Exercise 8: Advantages and disadvantages

Choose the correct words and phrases to complete the sentences.

- 1 The main  of cars is that you can travel independently.
- 2 The main argument  children using the internet is that they can see things which may upset them.
- 3 The main  the new smartphones is how much information they send to companies about you.
- 4 One  the new smartphones is how easy it is to organize your life with them.



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- 4 One  the new smartphones is how easy it is to organize your life with them.
- 5 One argument  car ownership is the amount of pollution cars create.
- 6 A real  robots is that they never get tired as people do.

Your score is 6/6.

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Exercise 8: Advantages and disadvantages Show Dashboard Exercise 10: Spelling mistakes

Choose the correct words to complete the paragraph.

Over  last few years more  more people, especially young people, are changing  an ordinary phone  a smartphone. It  easy to see why these phones are  popular. People can quickly connect  the internet, and they can also communicate easily  their friends. For both work  study it is very useful to  able to look  facts and information without having to go to  laptop. Also, when people have families  other countries,  smartphone can help them  feel closer.

Your score is 15/15.

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UNIT 7: Discovery and invention Exercise 10: Spelling mistakes

Each of the sentences below has two spelling mistakes. Correct the mistakes.

- Any humanoid robot will probably find it difficult to move across uneven ground.
- In the future, biofuels will definitely be used to benefit mankind.
- For any type of vehicle, having a low centre of gravity is an important advantage.
- Mobility aids can help to ensure that being disabled does not mean that a person is disadvantaged.

