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# The Future of AI Powered Cars

Have you ever wondered how Artificial Intelligence (AI) might change cars? These trusty companions just might be equipped with super-smart brains and the ability to zoom around town without a driver. Here's an imagination-powered vehicle and explore the exciting world of AI cars! Maybe the steering wheel will talk! Yes, you heard that right—a talking, thinking steering wheel! It would be like having a friendly robot sidekick. As soon as you hopped into the car, it greeted you with a cheerful “Hello, driver!” It knew your favorite music, adjusted the temperature just right, and even told jokes to keep you entertained during traffic jams. What about those boring car colors? Well, not anymore! AI cars could change colors on command. With a simple voice prompt, your car could transform from fiery red to ocean blue. Imagine driving a rainbow or blending into the night sky like a stealthy ninja. You might even want to customize the cars for special occasions—green for St. Patrick’s Day, pink for birthdays, and sparkly silver for New Year’s Eve. Traffic jams used to be a headache, but not for AI cars. They communicate with each other like secret agents. When a jam formed, they shared information faster than a squirrel hiding nuts. “Hey, Car 42,” said the AI sedan, “take the shortcut through the windy forest!” And just like that, your car zipped through the trees, avoiding the bumper-to-bumper mess. GPS systems were no longer boring. They had personalities! “Turn left at the giggling hydrant,” said the GPS cheerfully. And sure enough, there stood a laughing hydrant, giggling away. “In 100 meters, say ‘Abracadabra’ for a magical shortcut!” it added. Just like a drone, the car could teleport across town. “Abracadabra!”, and whoosh—the car vanished and reappeared near the ice cream parlor. Long road trips could be a breeze with AI cup holders. They didn’t just hold drinks; they served snacks too! “Popcorn, anyone?” asks Cup Holder. “Or how about a mini pizza?” chimes in Cup Holder 2. I am sure the kids would enjoy the pretzels and gummy bears that pop out like magic. If you spilled something, no worries—the cup holders cleaned up after themselves.

Nighttime drives could be serene. AI cars would turn into cozy cocoons with twinkling star patterns on the ceiling. “Welcome to Dream Mode,” whispers the steering wheel. The seats become like fluffy clouds, and soft music played. Kids would drift off to sleep. When morning came, the car gently woke them up with a sunrise light show.

The future of cars is bright, colorful, and full of surprises. With AI by our side, we’ll explore new horizons, laugh at giggling hydrants, and snack our way through traffic. Remember, the road ahead isn’t just asphalt—it’s a magical journey waiting to unfold. Although, this may be whimsical tale. One never knows the direction that AI can take us so keep your imagination fueled and your wheels spinning!

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Answer according to the reading passage:

- 1. What does the steering wheel do in the car?**
  - a. alerts you to traffic
  - b. drive itself
  - c. talk
  
- 2. How does the reading passage describe how the AI cars communicate with each other?**
  - a. like invisible detectives
  - b. like secret agents
  - c. they don't communicate
  
- 3. What is the word used for a magical shortcut?**
  - a. hey Car 42
  - b. abracadabera
  - c. bing, bang, bong
  
- 4. What do the cup holders do?**
  - a. clean up after themselves
  - b. make ice for your drinks
  - c. make jello
  
- 5. How is this reading passage described toward the end?**
  - a. comedy
  - b. non-fiction
  - c. whimsical tale

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## Open Response Questions

Open response questions for thinking skills:

1. Inferring
2. Making Connections
3. Summarizing
4. Visualizing

1. Do you think this type of AI car would make road trips more enjoyable? Why or why not?
2. If you can add another helpful feature to this car, what would it be and how would it be helpful?
3. What is the purpose of this type of reading passage? Why do you think the author wrote it?
4. Describe how an AI car would look.
  - Describe a conversation you could have with your steering wheel in this car.
  - How would this car be if the GPS actually had a very mischievous attitude?
  - Could this story be true? Why or why not?
  - Could an AI car really reduce traffic in the near future? Why or why not?
  - What design features would you add to make night time driving better?
  - What design features could you add to ensure there were never any more car accidents?