**Automobile in Germany**

Germany was the birth place of the automobile, In 1876 the four-stroke engine was invented by Nikolaus August Otto, then in 1887 Karl Benz attached a couch to an engine, thus creating the first vehicle comparable to the modern car.

Germany now produces about 10 million cars per year. The industry employs about 1.26 million people. German companies such as ***Audi, Daimler, Mercedes, BMW, Volkswagen and Porsche*** have factories producing millions of cars all over the world.

Mercedes was originally named after a client's daughter, Volkswagen means 'people's car', and BMW stands for 'Bayerische Motoren Werke' – 'Bavarian Motor Works'.

BMW was originally an aircraft manufacturer, as symbolised by their emblem, a rotating aeroplane propeller. They went into car production after WWI when the treaty of Versailles forbade German companies from producing aeroplanes.

'Vorsprung durch Technik – progress the technology'. Ever since Audi launched this, perhaps the most successful of advertising slogans, it has become synonymous with the German car industry. The company was founded by August Horch, but at that time there was already a car company operating under the name Horch, so he translated his name into Latin, to get the much nicer sounding Audi, meaning to listen.

Now VW is following Audi in introducing a German-language slogan, they are currently introducing 'Aus Liebe zum Automobil', meaning 'for the love of the car', although in the US they will retain their English language 'Drivers wanted'.

Volkswagen's most recognizable car, the Beetle, was supposedly the result of Adolf Hitler's planning when he was in prison in 1924 for an attempted coup. He wanted to produce a car that anyone could buy (the people's car - Volkswagen).In 1992 the Beetle became the most popular automobile ever with the production of the 21 millionth vehicle.

In 1974 Volkswagen announced that they had made a loss for the first time in their history. Shortly afterwards they began to wind down production of the Beetle, and began to focus instead on the new, front-wheel drive Volkswagen Golf. Production in Germany of the world's most popular car ceased in 1980.

1. ***Translate the following words into Russian.***

Vehicle, engine, stroke, comparable, attach, forbid, rotate, recognizable.

1. ***Read the statements and decide whether they are True or False.***
2. Karl Benz attached a couch to an engine.
3. The company “BMW” was founded by August Horch , but at that time there was already a car company operating under the name Horch.
4. In 1974 Volkswagen announced that they had made a loss for the first time in their history.
5. Germany now produces about 1 million cars per year.
6. German-language slogan is „Aus Liebe zum Automobil“.
7. In 1974 Volkswagen announced that they had made a loss for the first time in their history.

1. ***Answer the questions.***
2. What country was the birthplace of the automobile?
3. Who intended the first engine?
4. Who created the first vehicle comparable to the modern car?
5. What does it mean: “Mercedes”, “Volkswagen”, “BMW”, “Audi”?
6. Who wanted to produce a car that anyone could buy?
7. How many cars does Germany produce per year?