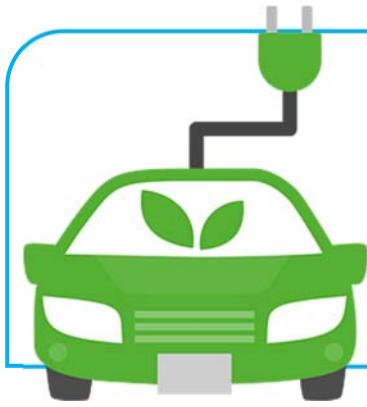


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Directions: Read the passage below carefully. As you read, **underline statements of fact in blue** and **underline statements of opinion in red** (or use two different symbols if colors aren't available). Then, answer the follow-up questions in complete sentences.

The Future on Four Wheels

Electric cars have grown in popularity over the past decade. According to the International Energy Agency, over 10 million electric cars were on the road worldwide by 2022. Many governments now offer tax incentives for buyers, hoping to reduce pollution and dependence on fossil fuels.

Supporters argue that electric cars are the smartest choice for the future of transportation. They believe EVs are cleaner, quieter, and more stylish than traditional gas-powered vehicles. Critics, however, claim that electric cars are still too expensive for most families and that charging stations are inconveniently located.

A single charge on most electric cars today lasts between 150 and 300 miles, depending on the model. While some people say this is more than enough for everyday driving, others insist the limited range makes road trips stressful. Whether they become the dominant vehicle on the roads or remain a niche option, electric cars have already changed the way people think about driving.

1. Why is it important to distinguish between facts and opinions when reading?
2. How might opinions in the article influence readers' views about electric cars?
3. Choose one opinion from the article and explain how someone might support or challenge it with facts.