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## Evaluating Credibility

**Directions:** Read the nonfiction source description and answer the questions to evaluate its credibility.

A website article titled "The Future of Electric Cars" was published in 2012 on a personal blog called FutureTechNow. The author is listed as Alex T., but no job title or education information is provided. The article claims that all gas-powered cars will completely disappear by 2020. Several statistics are included, but no sources are named. The site also sells electric car accessories and includes multiple advertisements for its own products.

1. **Accuracy:** Are the facts supported with clear sources or evidence? Explain your answer. \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. **Currency:** Is this information current enough to be reliable today? Why or why not? \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. **Expertise:** Does the author show evidence of being an expert on this topic? Explain. \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. Does the site appear to have a **purpose beyond informing**, such as selling or persuading? What evidence supports your answer?  
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5. Based on accuracy, currency, and expertise, is this source **credible or not credible**? Defend your answer using one clear reason.  
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