

THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2104/210426-tokyo-motor-show.html>

The Tokyo Motor Show has been cancelled for the first time in its history. The organizers called the show off because of an increase in the number of coronavirus cases in Japan. Akio Toyoda, chairperson of the Japan Automobile Manufacturers Association, said: "The Tokyo Motor Show is being cancelled, not delayed. It's difficult to hold the event in a way in which many people will be able to experience the appeal of cars in a safe and secure environment." Tokyo has just been put under a two-week state of emergency to try and reduce the surge in COVID-19. Japan's government is worried about the pandemic because it will host the Tokyo Olympics in July. Many Japanese people want to cancel the Olympics.

The Tokyo Motor Show was first held in 1954. It is one of the world's top five motor shows. It attracted over 1.3 million motoring professionals and enthusiasts in 2019. Mr Toyoda said his team considered holding the show online, but decided a physical, in-person event would be a better experience. The show differs from other auto events around the world because it focuses more on innovation. There are usually more concept cars than actual production cars in the show. This means we can get a look at what cars might look like in the future. Mr Toyoda said: "The Tokyo Motor show collaborates with a number of industries to envision a new future for mobility."

Sources: <https://english.kyodonews.net/news/2021/04/f57315cce448-urgent-tokyo-auto-show-in-fall-to-be-canceled-over-pandemic.html>
<https://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2021/04/22/business/corporate-business/tokyo-motor-show-cancel/>
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tokyo_Motor_Show

WARM-UPS

1. MOTOR SHOWS: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about motor shows. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

Tokyo / motor show / history / coronavirus / event / experience / emergency / host / professionals / online / world / innovation / production / the future / collaborate

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. ELECTRIC: Students A **strongly** believe motor shows should only feature electric vehicles; Students B **strongly** believe all vehicles are OK. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. CARS: What are the good and bad things about these kinds of cars? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Good Things	Bad Things
Sports car		
SUV		
Sedan		
Pickup truck		
Minivan		
Station wagon		

5. HISTORY: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "history". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. FEATURES: Rank these with your partner. Put the most important features in a car at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Music system
- Engine size
- Fuel efficiency
- Leather seats
- Speed
- GPS
- Colour
- 4WD

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

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|---------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. organizers | a. The quality of being attractive or interesting. |
| 2. case | b. A person who plans and makes things happen. |
| 3. delayed | c. Made something happen at a later date. |
| 4. appeal | d. A sudden large increase. |
| 5. secure | e. To have a party or even in your house, stadium or country. |
| 6. surge | f. An example of something happening. |
| 7. host | g. Safe and protected from harm. |

Paragraph 2

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| 8. attracted | h. The action or process of creating very, very, very new things. |
| 9. enthusiast | i. Economic activity concerned with the processing of raw materials and manufacture of goods in factories. |
| 10. considered | j. Work together on something. |
| 11. innovation | k. Thought about. |
| 12. concept | l. An idea about something that could become a plan. |
| 13. collaborate | m. Caused to come to a place or participate in something. |
| 14. industry | n. A person who is highly interested in a particular activity or subject. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2104/210426-tokyo-motor-show.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- a. Climate change has cancelled the Tokyo Motor Show. **T / F**
- b. The show's chairperson said the show has been delayed, not cancelled. **T / F**
- c. The chairperson said it was difficult to provide a safe environment. **T / F**
- d. The article says Japan believes COVID will not affect the Olympics. **T / F**
- e. The Tokyo Motor Show started in 1954. **T / F**
- f. The article says more than 1.3 million people went to the show last year. **T / F**
- g. The show focuses on concept cars more than production cars. **T / F**
- h. We can get an idea about driving in the future at the show. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

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| 1. cancelled | a. concentrates |
| 2. increase | b. concerned |
| 3. appeal | c. hold |
| 4. worried | d. fans |
| 5. host | e. called off |
| 6. top | f. change |
| 7. enthusiasts | g. leading |
| 8. focuses | h. rise |
| 9. innovation | i. see |
| 10. envision | j. attraction |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

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| 1. The organizers called the | a. from other auto events |
| 2. The Tokyo Motor Show is being | b. state of emergency |
| 3. put under a two-week | c. five motor shows |
| 4. Japan's government is worried | d. show off |
| 5. Many Japanese people want to | e. like in the future |
| 6. It is one of the world's top | f. about the pandemic |
| 7. 1.3 million motoring professionals | g. production cars |
| 8. The show differs | h. cancel the Olympics |
| 9. more concept cars than actual | i. and enthusiasts |
| 10. what cars might look | j. cancelled, not delayed |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2104/210426-tokyo-motor-show.html>

1. How many times had the Tokyo Motor Show been cancelled before now?
2. What was there a rise in that caused the show to be cancelled?
3. What is Akio Toyoda's role in an automobile association?
4. How long is the state of emergency in Tokyo?
5. What do many Japanese people want to cancel?
6. When was the first Tokyo Motor Show held?
7. When did the show attract over 1.3 million people?
8. What does the Tokyo Motor Show focus on?
9. What kinds of cars are there usually more of at the Tokyo Motor Show?
10. Who does the Tokyo Motor Show collaborate with?

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2104/210426-tokyo-motor-show.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'motor' and 'show'.

motor	show

- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

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MOTOR SHOWS DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'motor'?
3. What do you think of a motor show?
4. Would you like to go to a motor show?
5. What is your favourite car?
6. What do you think of cancelling the Tokyo Motor Show?
7. How has the coronavirus affected your life?
8. What is the appeal of cars and driving?
9. Should the Tokyo Olympics go ahead?
10. What do you know about Tokyo?

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MOTOR SHOWS DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'show'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What do you think happens at a motor show?
15. What do you have an enthusiasm for?
16. Are online events or in-person events best?
17. What do you think of concept cars?
18. What will cars of the future be like?
19. Should we ban the use of cars?
20. What questions would you like to ask the motor show boss?