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## **Level 4 – 8th December 2025**

### **Trump wants US to have tiny 'kei' cars after Japan trip**

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<https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2512/251208-tiny-kei-cars-4.html>

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**Please try Levels 5 and 6. They are (a little) harder.**

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2025/12/251208-tiny-kei-cars-4.html>

Big change may be coming to American roads after a visit to Japan by Donald Trump. America's popular SUVs may soon be rivalled by the four-seater, 660 cc "kei car" from Japan. President Trump has a fondness for this small car. He wants it to be made in the USA. He wrote on his Truth Social website: "I have just approved tiny cars to be built in America." He added that the cars were "inexpensive, safe, fuel efficient, and quite simply, amazing".

Kei cars make up around a third of all cars in Japan. They are suited to the narrow streets of Japan's big cities. However, laws are needed to make the cars legal in the US. The website Quartz reported that: "There are lingering concerns that [kei cars] are too small and slow to be driven safely." The Transportation Secretary said: "If Toyota or any other company wants to make smaller, more affordable and fuel-efficient cars, we have cleared the deck."

Sources: <https://www.japantimes.co.jp/business/2025/12/04/companies/trump-kei-cars/>  
<https://qz.com/trump-tiny-cars-kei-japan>  
<https://www.newsweek.com/donald-trump-issues-order-start-producing-smaller-cars-11154208>

# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2512/251208-tiny-kei-cars-4.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |  |                         |
|--|-------------------------|
| 1. Big change may be                       | a. for this small car   |
| 2. after a visit to Japan                  | b. may soon be rivalled |
| 3. America's popular SUVs                  | c. amazing              |
| 4. the four-seater, 660 cc "               | d. coming               |
| 5. Trump has a fondness                    | e. made in the USA      |
| 6. He wants it to be                       | f. to be built          |
| 7. I have just approved tiny cars          | g. by Donald Trump      |
| 8. safe, fuel efficient, and quite simply, | h. "kei car             |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                 |                          |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. make up around a third       | a. deck                  |
| 2. suited to the narrow streets | b. any other company     |
| 3. make the cars                | c. of all cars in Japan  |
| 4. There are lingering          | d. fuel-efficient cars   |
| 5. too small and slow to        | e. legal in the US       |
| 6. Toyota or                    | f. of Japan's big cities |
| 7. more affordable and          | g. be driven safely      |
| 8. we have cleared the          | h. concerns              |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Big (1) \_\_\_\_\_ coming to American roads after a  
(2) \_\_\_\_\_ by Donald Trump. America's popular  
SUVs may soon be (3) \_\_\_\_\_ four-seater, 660 cc  
"kei car" from Japan. President Trump (4) \_\_\_\_\_  
for this small car. He wants it to be made in the USA. He wrote on his Truth  
Social website: "I (5) \_\_\_\_\_ tiny cars to be built in  
America." He added that the cars were "inexpensive, safe, fuel efficient,  
(6) \_\_\_\_\_, amazing".

Kei cars make up (7) \_\_\_\_\_ of all cars in Japan.  
They are suited to the (8) \_\_\_\_\_ Japan's big cities.  
However, laws are needed to make the cars legal in the US. The website  
Quartz reported that: "There (9) \_\_\_\_\_ that [kei  
cars] are too small and slow to (10) \_\_\_\_\_." The  
Transportation Secretary said: "If Toyota or any other company wants to  
make (11) \_\_\_\_\_ and fuel-efficient cars, we have  
(12) \_\_\_\_\_."

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# TINY CARS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2512/251208-tiny-kei-cars-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about tiny cars in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.  
When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

- a) \_\_\_\_\_
- b) \_\_\_\_\_
- c) \_\_\_\_\_
- d) \_\_\_\_\_
- e) \_\_\_\_\_
- f) \_\_\_\_\_

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

- a) \_\_\_\_\_
- b) \_\_\_\_\_
- c) \_\_\_\_\_
- d) \_\_\_\_\_
- e) \_\_\_\_\_
- f) \_\_\_\_\_

# WRITING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2012/251208-tiny-kei-cars-4.html>

Write about **tiny cars** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.

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