

To Buy or Not to Buy?

An activity of "Petrol? No. Electricity's time is coming"

The article "Petrol? No. Electricity's time is coming" (Story 05, *What's Up* May 2021 at digital.whatsup.sg) explains why electric cars are becoming more popular. Imagine you are an adult who needs a new car. Your old car runs on petrol. Would you switch to an electric car?

When you have to make a big decision, it helps to list the pros and cons of your choices. Try doing this for the imaginary new-car decision.

1. Fill in the table below, using bullet points. An example has been given to help you get started.

The Big Question: Should I buy an electric car?	
Pros <i>("Yes, I should!")</i>	Cons <i>("No, I shouldn't!")</i>
😊 <i>Recharging an electric car costs less than filling the tank of a petrol car.</i>	☹️ <i>Electric cars cost more to buy than petrol cars.</i>
😊 _____ _____ _____ Marks: __ /10	☹️ _____ _____ _____ Marks: __ /10
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2. Sometimes, simply listing points is not enough. Some points are more important than others. So, give "marks" to each point above, on a scale from 1 to 10. Add up your marks for each column to see which side comes out stronger. Based on your input, would you buy an electric car?

3. Reflect on whether weighing the pros and cons in this way can help kids like you make good decisions in real life.