

**READ THE PASSAGE** Think about how each kind of car is different from the other.

### Gas Cars or Electric Cars?

Most cars run on gasoline, or “gas” for short. Gas cars work very well. There is a problem, though. Cars that run on gas make the air dirty. This dirty air is not good for people, animals, or trees. Gas cars make the air dirty for all living things. What can we do? We can drive electric cars!

Electric cars do not use gas. These cars do not make the air dirty. These cars have battery packs that power their motors. The batteries can be charged many times. They can be used again and again. This makes electric cars great.

But electric cars have problems, too. They are slower than gas cars. They are also very quiet. This means that some people cannot hear them when they drive by. These people may not think a car is coming. They have to be careful.

People are finding ways to make electric cars better all the time. Maybe someday all cars will be electric. That would be much better for the world.

**STRATEGY PRACTICE** Which paragraph tells you about the problems of electric cars?

**SKILL PRACTICE** Read the question. Fill in the bubble next to the correct answer.

1. What is the passage about?
  - (A) people who ride bikes
  - (B) cars that do not use gas
  - (C) cars that are good for trees
  - (D) people who do not need cars
2. Gas cars are bad for living things because they \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (A) make the air dirty
  - (B) are hard to hear
  - (C) have battery packs
  - (D) are slower than electric cars
3. Which of these is a fact about electric cars?
  - (A) Electric cars never have problems.
  - (B) Electric cars use batteries.
  - (C) Electric cars are better for the world.
  - (D) Batteries make electric cars great.
4. Which of these is an opinion?
  - (A) Most cars run on gas.
  - (B) People need cars.
  - (C) Electric cars are slower than gas cars.
  - (D) Electric cars are quieter than gas cars.