While you listen
The Britain is Great series tells you about some of the things that make Britain so great. There’s a lot of fun facts – and lots of good language, too. See if you can answer the questions while you watch the video.

Comprehension Task 1 - Which of these things does Richard do in the video? Choose all the right answers.
1. He visits a high-tech science facility.
2. He watches a robot in action.
3. He plays a video game.
4. He controls a robot.
5. He drives a racing car.
6. He meets the British Prime Minister.
7. He visits an assembly line.
8. He drives a Rolls Royce.

Comprehension Task 2 - Listening for detail.
Fill in the missing information from the video. Each space represents a missing word or number.

1. The snake-arm robot was created by OC Robotics. It’s being used in the Aerospace, medicine, security and (a) _______ industries. The company is talking to NASA about its use in the maintenance of space (b) _______. There are two (c) _______. One shows the onboard (d) _______ and the other shows a (e) _______ _______. A few (f) _______ control the system and there is also a (g) _______ _______ controller.
2. McLaren have taken their Formula 1 technologies and put them into a new high performance, (a) _______ _______ sports car called the (b) _______. The chassis is a (c) _______ _______ composite - an innovation that could pass down to more affordable (d) _______ _______.
3. Rolls Royce has its headquarters at the historic (a) _______ _______. The latest car in the Rolls Royce family is the (b) _______. It takes a minimum of (c) _______ days and (d) _______ people to make each car. It has a 6.6 litre V12 (e) _______ _______ engine. It has new suspension, night vision and sound systems, active (f) _______ _______ and a lane departure system too.

Language Task 1 - Match the two parts to make phrases from the video.

a) craftsmanship e) luxury
b) drive (a car) f) profile
c) edge g) up
d) feedback h) world

1. cutting _______ 2. lead the _______ 3. brought _______ 4. high _______ 5. traditional _______ 6. to test _______ 7. customer _______ 8. the height of _______
Language Task 2 - Richard says "So are you looking forward to helping design the next big car?" We use 'helping' - the 'ing' form - because 'to' is a preposition in this sentence. Decide if 'to' is a preposition in these sentences, and choose the appropriate verb form.

1. When I was younger I never used to ______ about the future, but now I worry a lot more.
   a) think
   b) thinking

2. When it comes to ______ new gadgets, James Dyson is your man.
   a) invent
   b) inventing

3. When I went to Britain, I found it hard to get used to ______ on the left-hand side of the road.
   a) drive
   b) driving

4. 'Eat your Way to Health: a Beginner's Guide to ______ Weight'
   a) lose
   b) losing

5. 'Just Put it Out! - The Easy Way to ______ Smoking'
   a) stop
   b) stopping

6. It's very hard to overcome the addiction to ______.
   a) smoke
   b) smoking

7. After three hours of interrogation, the suspect finally confessed to ______ the police officer.
   a) shoot
   b) shooting

8. She devotes all of her time to ______ the poor and needy.
   a) help
   b) helping

9. Since we had the baby we never seem to have any time to ______.
   a) relax
   b) relaxing

10. I am looking forward to ______ from you soon.
    Yours sincerely,
    John Holden
    a) hear
    b) hearing

Comprehension Task 1:
1. a) nuclear, b) satellites, c) monitors, d) camera, e) virtual environment, f) computers, g) games console
2. a) low emissions, b) MP4 12C, c) carbon fibre, d) road cars
3. a) Goodwood Estate, b) Ghost, c) 20/twenty, d) 60/sixty, e) twin turbo, f) cruise control

Comprehension Task 2:
1. a) d. e. h. i.
2. a) b) c) f) g) h) i) j) k) l) m) n) o) p) q) r) s) t) u) v) w) x) y) z)