Start thinking
1 Has your family got a car? What is it?
2 What kind of cars are popular in your country?
3 What’s your dream car? Why?

Comprehension check

1 Watch the video clip and choose the correct answers.
   1 What was London’s Carnaby Street famous for in the 1960s?
      a Buckingham Palace
      b fashionable clothes shops
      c Twiggy used to lived there
      d The Beatles used to play there
   2 How much did the first Mini use to cost?
      a less than £500
      b about £1,000
      c £1,967
      d about £5,000
   3 How many Minis had people bought by 2000?
      a over 5,000
      b over 50,000
      c over 500,000
      d over 5,000,000

2 Watch again and match the words (1–8) to the descriptions (a–h).
   1     __ Carnaby Street
   2     __ Lord John
   3     __ Twiggy
   4     __ The Beatles
   5     __ Heathrow
   6     __ Alec Issigonis
   7     __ Monte Carlo Rally
   8     __ BMW
   a an engineer and designer
   b a car company
   c a shopping area
   d a race
   e a band
   f a shop
   g an airport
   h a model

3 Watch again and complete the sentences with numbers.
   1 Alec Issigonis was born in __________.
   2 In the __________, most cars were big.
   3 The original Mini was only __________ metres long.
   4 There was space for __________ people.
   5 Prince Charles arrived at university in a Mini in __________.
   6 The Mini won the Monte Carlo Rally __________ times.
   7 The new Mini was born in __________.
   8 The Oxford factory makes over __________ Minis every day.

4 Watch again. True or false? Write T or F. Correct the false sentences.
   1 __ London was one of the most fashionable cities in the world in the 1960s.
   2 __ Carnaby Street had become the most popular tourist attraction.
   3 __ The fans at Heathrow airport had waited for The Beatles for days.
   4 __ Pop stars used to drive big, expensive cars.
   5 __ There wasn’t space for people’s bags in the Mini.
   6 __ Minis were popular with young people and families.
   7 __ Minis took part in races but never won.
   8 __ Minis are available in nearly any colour today.

5 Complete the summary with the words from the box.
   Unlike most cars in the 1960s, the Mini, designed by Alec Issigonis, was
   1 _________ and fuel-efficient. The car was only three metres
   2 _________, but there was still space for a family.
   Minis were 3 _________, and so they became popular with young people. Some owners painted
   their cars in 4 _________ colours. They were also
   5 _________ enough to participate in car races.
   A 6 _________ Mini was born in 2001 which
   was bigger and more 7 _________ than before.
   The present model is just as 8 _________ as the classic Mini.
Language check

6 Write sentences about Britain in the 1960s using the positive or negative form of used to.

1 young people/buy/clothes/Carnaby Street
2 people/copy/Beatles’/style
3 pop stars/drive/big/expensive/cars
4 Minis/cost/£13,000
5 celebrities/drive/Minis
6 some people/paint/Minis
7 factories/have/robots

7 Complete the sentences with the Past simple, Past continuous or Past perfect form of the verbs.

1 In the 1960s people were excited because fashion and music ________ (change) quickly.
2 Young people ________ (travel) from all over the country to buy clothes in Lord John.
3 By the end of the 1960s, Carnaby Street ________ (become) a tourist attraction.
4 BMC ________ (want) to make a new car which was cheap and fuel-efficient.
5 Prince Charles ________ (arrive) at university in a Mini in 1967, didn’t he?
6 By the late 1960s, BMC ________ (produce) enormous quantities of Minis every day.
7 The Mini ________ (win) the famous Monte Carlo Rally, didn’t it?
8 People ________ (buy) over five million Minis by the year 2000.

Talk about it

8 In pairs. Ask and answer the questions about cars.

- Are you interested in different types of cars?
  Why?
- What kind of car would you like to own one day?
  Why?
- How often do you and your family travel by car?
  Where do you travel to?

> A Are you interested in cars?
  B No, not really. I think they’re all the same, don’t you?
  A No, I don’t! I love cars. One day, I’d like to own...

Extension

9 In pairs. Look at photos A and B and answer the questions.

Photo A

1 Describe the photo.
2 What clothes did people use to wear in the 1960s?
3 What clothes are popular now?
4 What clothes do you like wearing?

Photo B

1 Describe the photo.
2 What music did people use to listen to in the 1960s?
3 What music is popular now?
4 What music do you like listening to?