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- ✖ U.K. radio and TV personality Chris Evans is taking over the globally popular “Top Gear” nearly three months after the British Broadcasting Corp. fired star Jeremy Clarkson following an altercation with a producer.

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- ✖ Evans, who presents “The Chris Evans Breakfast Show” on BBC Radio 2, signed a three-year deal to lead a new lineup for “Top Gear,” which focuses on automobiles. Production will begin within the next few weeks, the BBC said.

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- ✖ “I’m thrilled, ‘Top Gear’ is my favourite programme of all time,” Evans said in a BBC press release. “Created by a host of brilliant minds who love cars and understand how to make the massively complicated come across as fun, devil-may-care and effortless.”

- ✘ The BBC fired Clarkson in late March after the broadcaster had previously suspended him earlier that month. At the time, the BBC said in a report that an internal investigation concluded that Clarkson had struck producer Oisin Tymon after verbally attacking him.

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- ✖ Clarkson's suspension and eventual dismissal created a firestorm among fans of the show, which has an audience of about 350 million, making it among the most popular TV series on the planet.

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