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Malaysian Grand Prix

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

A Grand Prix was held in Malaysia. It was on April the 5th. It was very exciting because there was a lot of rain. In fact, there was really heavy rain. It was a monsoon. The racing car drivers couldn't see anything. The rain was so strong, it was impossible to drive. They stopped the race half way through. Jenson Button was the winner. He is from England. World champion Louis Hamilton finished in seventh position. His car wasn't very fast. Jenson Button's car was fast but other teams said he cheated.

If I was there in the racing car, I would crash in ten seconds. I would like to drive a red and white car. They look really nice when they go fast. They are very expensive. It is a real waste of money when they crash. I wonder what they do with a car that crashes. I want a Grand Prix to come to my town. I can only see a race on television. The real races are always in different countries. I heard poor people can't go to the race track. I heard a ticket is really, really, really expensive. That's not fair. Poor people like motor racing too.

PHRASE MATCH

Match the following phrases from the article.

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. It was very exciting because | a. heavy rain |
| 2. there was really | b. seventh position |
| 3. The rain was so strong, | c. way through |
| 4. They stopped the race half | d. there was a lot of rain |
| 5. Hamilton finished in | e. he cheated |
| 6. other teams said | f. it was impossible to drive |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|----------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. I would crash in | a. go fast |
| 2. They look really nice when they | b. on television |
| 3. It is a real waste | c. motor racing too |
| 4. I can only see a race | d. ten seconds |
| 5. I heard a ticket is really, really, | e. of money |
| 6. Poor people like | f. really expensive |

LISTENING GAP FILL

A Grand Prix was held in Malaysia. It was on April the 5th. It was very exciting because _____ rain. In fact, there _____ . It was a monsoon. The racing car drivers couldn't see anything. The rain _____ , it was impossible to drive. They stopped the race _____ . Jenson Button was the winner. He is from England. World champion Louis Hamilton finished in seventh position. His car wasn't very fast. Jenson Button's car was fast but other teams _____ .

If _____ racing car, I would crash in ten seconds. I would like to drive a red and white car. They look really nice _____ . They are very expensive. It is a real waste of money when they crash. I _____ do with a car that crashes. I want a Grand Prix to come to my town. I _____ on television. The real races are always in different countries. I heard poor people can't go to the race track. _____ really, really, really expensive. That's not fair. Poor people like motor racing too.

MULTIPLE CHOICE

A Grand Prix was (1) _____ in Malaysia. It was on April the 5th. It was very exciting because there was a lot of rain. In fact, there was really (2) _____ rain. It was a monsoon. The racing car drivers couldn't see anything. The rain was so (3) _____, it was impossible to drive. They stopped the race half way (4) _____. Jenson Button was the winner. He is from England. World champion Louis Hamilton finished in seventh position. His car wasn't very fast. Jenson Button's car was fast but other teams said he (5) _____.

If I was there in the racing car, I would (6) _____ in ten seconds. I would like to drive a red and white car. They look really nice when they go fast. They are very expensive. It is a (7) _____ waste of money when they crash. I (8) _____ what they do with a car that crashes. I want a Grand Prix to come to my town. I can only see a race on television. The real races are always in different countries. I (9) _____ poor people can't go to the race track. I heard a ticket is really, really, really expensive. That's not (10) _____. Poor people like motor racing too.

Put the correct words from this table into the article.

- | | | | |
|-----|--------------|--------------|-------------|
| 1. | (a) hold | (b) holds | (c) held |
| 2. | (a) heavy | (b) heaviest | (c) weight |
| 3. | (a) strong | (b) strength | (c) stongly |
| 4. | (a) though | (b) through | (c) thought |
| 5. | (a) cheat | (b) cheats | (c) cheated |
| 6. | (a) crashed | (b) crash | (c) crashes |
| 7. | (a) really | (b) realise | (c) real |
| 8. | (a) wander | (b) wanders | (c) wonder |
| 9. | (a) listened | (b) notice | (c) heard |
| 10. | (a) fare | (b) fair | (c) fear |

SPELLING

Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.

Paragraph 1

1. It was very xciignte
2. really ahvey rain
3. couldn't see thngyian
4. half way hogruth
5. finished in seventh psiiotno
6. other teams said he ehacdte

Paragraph 2

7. crngia car
8. ten sondecs
9. a real satwe of money
10. different tcuesnrio
11. I ahrde poor people can't go
12. really eivesepxn

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () rain. In fact, there was really heavy rain. It was a monsoon. The racing car drivers couldn't see anything. The rain was so
- () If I was there in the racing car, I would crash in ten seconds. I would like to
- (**1**) A Grand Prix was held in Malaysia. It was on April the 5th. It was very exciting because there was a lot of
- () very fast. Jenson Button's car was fast but other teams said he cheated.
- () strong, it was impossible to drive. They stopped the race half way through. Jenson Button was the
- () go to the race track. I heard a ticket is really, really, really expensive. That's not fair. Poor people like motor racing too.
- () money when they crash. I wonder what they do with a car that crashes. I want a Grand Prix to come to my
- () drive a red and white car. They look really nice when they go fast. They are very expensive. It is a real waste of
- () winner. He is from England. World champion Louis Hamilton finished in seventh position. His car wasn't
- () town. I can only see a race on television. The real races are always in different countries. I heard poor people can't

SCRAMBLED SENTENCES

With a partner, put the words back into the correct order.

1. Prix Grand A Malaysia in held was.

2. rain heavy really was There.

3. was it , strong so was rain The drive to impossible.

4. Hamilton in position Louis finished seventh.

5. cheated he said teams Other.

6. would in seconds I crash ten.

7. look go really fast nice when They they.

8. of waste real a is It money.

9. I want a Grand Prix to come to my town.

10. expensive really, really, really is ticket a heard I.

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

HOMWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find more information about motor racing. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about motor racing. Include imaginary interviews with two people who like and dislike it.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

4. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

5. LETTER: Write a letter to a Formula One racer. Ask him/her three questions about motor racing. Write three of your opinions on motor racing.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Your partner will answer the questions you asked.