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"Invisible" helmet for cyclists invented

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THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1311/131114-hovding-1.html>

Design students in Sweden invented a new bicycle helmet. It's called the Hvding and is invisible. It's really a kind of airbag inside a collar. People wear it like a scarf. When the cyclist falls off his/her bike, the collar fills with gas and becomes an airbag. The students, Anna Haupt and Terese Alstin, think normal helmets are too big and look like a hard mushroom on your head. They said their helmet is fashionable, so people will be happy to wear it.

The women started their research in 2005. They looked at thousands of cycling accidents. They wanted to make the safest helmet, and change cycling. They said: "Cars are so yesterday. Bikes are the future." The pair worked with an airbag company. Their company has 17 workers. They also said their helmet would make them millionaires. People can only buy the helmet in Europe, for around \$530. People in the rest of the world can buy it later.

Source: <http://www.hovding.com/en/>

VOCABULARY MATCHING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1311/131114-hovding-1.html>

PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--|------------------------|
| 1. design | a. becomes an airbag |
| 2. It's really a kind of airbag inside | b. students |
| 3. When the cyclist | c. on your head |
| 4. fills with gas and | d. is fashionable |
| 5. normal | e. a collar |
| 6. look like a hard mushroom | f. to wear it |
| 7. They said their helmet | g. helmets are too big |
| 8. people will be happy | h. falls off |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. The women started | a. helmet |
| 2. They looked at thousands | b. the future |
| 3. make the safest | c. them millionaires |
| 4. Cars are so | d. their research |
| 5. Bikes are | e. of the world |
| 6. Their company | f. of cycling accidents |
| 7. their helmet would make | g. has 17 workers |
| 8. People in the rest | h. yesterday |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Design students in Sweden (1) _____ bicycle helmet. It's called the Hovding (2) _____. It's really a kind of airbag inside a collar. People (3) _____. When the cyclist falls off his/her bike, the collar fills with gas and (4) _____. The students, Anna Haupt and Terese Alstin, think normal helmets are too big (5) _____ mushroom on your head. They said their helmet is fashionable, so (6) _____ to wear it.

The women (7) _____ in 2005. They looked at thousands (8) _____. They wanted to make the safest helmet, (9) _____. They said: "Cars are so yesterday. Bikes (10) _____." The pair worked with an airbag company. Their company has 17 workers. They also said their helmet would (11) _____. People can only buy the helmet in Europe, for around \$530. People in (12) _____ can buy it later.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a)

b)

c)

d)

e)

f)

g)

h)

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a)

b)

c)

d)

e)

f)

g)

h)
