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## **Level 0**

# **16-year-old joins F1 team as race driver**

**21st August, 2014**

<http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1408/140821-formula-1-0.html>

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Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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# THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1408/140821-formula-1-0.html>

Most people have to be 18 to drive a car. Max Verstappen is 16. He will be the youngest ever Formula 1 driver. He will be 17 in his first race. He will race drivers like Fernando Alonso. His debut will be at the Australian Grand Prix. When he was seven years old, he wanted to be an F1 driver. His dream has come true."

Max's boss was very happy. He thinks Max is a skilled young driver. He also thinks Max has the "mental strength" to be successful. The team will give Max a good car. That is important to start his Formula 1 career with. Max's father was a racing driver. His father helped Max "day and night, year after year". Max thanked him.

Sources: <http://www.autosport.com/news/report.php/id/115435>  
<http://www.sportinglife.com/formula1/news/article/669/9429101/toro-rosso-sign-teenager>  
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# VOCABULARY MATCHING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1408/140821-formula-1-0.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                              |                          |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Most people have to be 18 | a. driver                |
| 2. He will be the            | b. Australian Grand Prix |
| 3. Formula 1                 | c. to drive a car        |
| 4. He will be 17 in          | d. come true             |
| 5. His debut will be at the  | e. be an F1 driver       |
| 6. When he was               | f. youngest ever         |
| 7. he wanted to              | g. his first race        |
| 8. His dream has             | h. seven years old       |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                               |                    |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Max's boss was             | a. racing driver   |
| 2. He thinks Max is a skilled | b. Max a good car  |
| 3. mental                     | c. young driver    |
| 4. The team will give         | d. year after year |
| 5. start his Formula 1        | e. him             |
| 6. Max's father was a         | f. very happy      |
| 7. day and night,             | g. career          |
| 8. Max thanked                | h. strength        |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Most people have to be 18 (1) \_\_\_\_\_. Max Verstappen is 16. He will be (2) \_\_\_\_\_ Formula 1 driver. He will be 17 (3) \_\_\_\_\_. He will race drivers like Fernando Alonso. His (4) \_\_\_\_\_ the Australian Grand Prix. (5) \_\_\_\_\_ years old, he wanted to be an F1 driver. His (6) \_\_\_\_\_."

Max's boss (7) \_\_\_\_\_. He thinks Max is a skilled young driver. He also thinks Max has (8) \_\_\_\_\_ to be successful. The (9) \_\_\_\_\_ Max a good car. That is (10) \_\_\_\_\_ his Formula 1 career with. Max's (11) \_\_\_\_\_ racing driver. His father helped Max "day and night, (12) \_\_\_\_\_". Max thanked him.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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llracedriverslikeFernandoAlonso.HisdebutwillbeattheAustralian  
GrandPrix.Whenhewassevenyearsold,hewantedtobeanF1driver.  
Hisdreamhascometrue."Max'sbosswasveryhappy.HethinksMaxi  
saskilledyoungdriver.HealsothinksMaxhasthe"mentalstrength"  
obesuccessful.TheteamwillgiveMaxagoodcar.Thatisimportantto  
starthisFormula1careerwith.Max'sfatherwasaracingdriver.Hisfat  
herhelpedMax"dayandnight,yearafteryear".Maxthankedhim.

## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

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

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

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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) \_\_\_\_\_

