

# www.**Breaking News English**.com

Ready-to-Use English Lessons by Sean Banville

**"1,000 IDEAS & ACTIVITIES  
FOR LANGUAGE TEACHERS"**

[www.breakingnewsenglish.com/book.html](http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/book.html)

**Thousands more free lessons  
from Sean's other websites**

[www.freematerials.com/sean\\_banville\\_lessons.html](http://www.freematerials.com/sean_banville_lessons.html)

## **Level 1**

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

**21st August, 2014**

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

## **Contents**

The Reading	2
Vocabulary Matching	3
Listening Gap Fill	4
No Spaces	5
Writing and Speaking	6
Writing	7

Try Level 0 (easier), Level 2 (harder) & the 26-page Level 3 (harder).

**Twitter**



[twitter.com/SeanBanville](https://twitter.com/SeanBanville)

**Facebook**



[www.facebook.com/pages/BreakingNewsEnglish/155625444452176](https://www.facebook.com/pages/BreakingNewsEnglish/155625444452176)

**Google +**



<https://plus.google.com/+SeanBanville>

# THE READING

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

In most countries you have to be 18 to drive a car. Max Verstappen is 16. He just signed for a Formula 1 racing team. He will be the youngest ever F1 driver. He will be 17 in his first Grand Prix. He will race drivers like Fernando Alonso and Sebastian Vettel. His debut will be at the Australian Grand Prix. He said: "Ever since I was seven years old, Formula 1 has been my career goal, so this...is truly a dream come true."

The racing team boss was very happy and excited about Max. He thinks Max is "one of the most skilled young drivers of the new generation". He also thinks Max has the "mental strength to take on this challenge successfully". The team will give Max a competitive car to start his Formula 1 career with. Max's father was an F1 driver. He thanked his father for helping him "day and night, year after year".

Sources: <http://www.autosport.com/news/report.php/id/115435>  
<http://www.sportinglife.com/formula1/news/article/669/9429101/toro-rosso-sign-teenager>  
<http://www1.skysports.com/f1/news/12471/9428944/max-verstappen-will-replace-jean-eric-vergne-at-toro-rosso-in-2015>

# VOCABULARY MATCHING

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

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                             |                            |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. you have to be 18        | a. ever F1 driver          |
| 2. He just signed for       | b. been my career goal     |
| 3. He will be the youngest  | c. Australian Grand Prix   |
| 4. He will race drivers     | d. come true               |
| 5. His debut will be at the | e. a Formula 1 racing team |
| 6. Ever since I             | f. to drive a car          |
| 7. Formula 1 has            | g. like Fernando Alonso    |
| 8. a dream                  | h. was seven years old     |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                            |                    |
|----------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. The racing              | a. young drivers   |
| 2. very happy              | b. car             |
| 3. one of the most skilled | c. and excited     |
| 4. mental                  | d. this challenge  |
| 5. take on                 | e. year after year |
| 6. a competitive           | f. team boss       |
| 7. He thanked his father   | g. strength        |
| 8. day and night,          | h. for helping him |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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

In (1) \_\_\_\_\_ have to be 18 to drive a car. Max Verstappen is 16. He (2) \_\_\_\_\_ a Formula 1 racing team. He will be (3) \_\_\_\_\_ F1 driver. He will be 17 in his first Grand Prix. He will race drivers like Fernando Alonso and Sebastian Vettel. His (4) \_\_\_\_\_ the Australian Grand Prix. He said: "Ever (5) \_\_\_\_\_ years old, Formula 1 has been my career goal, so this...is truly a (6) \_\_\_\_\_."

The racing team boss was very (7) \_\_\_\_\_ about Max. He thinks Max is " (8) \_\_\_\_\_ skilled young drivers of (9) \_\_\_\_\_". He also thinks Max has the "mental strength to take on this (10) \_\_\_\_\_". The team will give Max (11) \_\_\_\_\_ to start his Formula 1 career with. Max's father was an F1 driver. He thanked his father for helping him "day and night, (12) \_\_\_\_\_".

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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

In most countries you have to be 18 to drive a car. Max Verstappen is 16  
. He just signed for a Formula 1 racing team. He will be the youngest ever  
F1 driver. He will be 17 in his first Grand Prix. He will race drivers like Fe  
r nando Alonso and Sebastian Vettel. His debut will be at the Australian  
Grand Prix. He said: "Ever since I was seven years old, Formula 1 has be  
en my career goal, so this... is truly a dream come true." The racing tea  
m boss was very happy and excited about Max. He thinks Max is "one of  
the most skilled young drivers of the new generation". He also thinks M  
ax has the "mental strength to take on this challenge successfully". The  
team will give Max a competitive car to start his Formula 1 career with  
. Max's father was an F1 driver. He thanked his father for helping him "d  
ay and night, year after year".

## 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)

---

*16-year-old joins F1 team as race driver – 21st August, 2014*  
More free lessons at [www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com](http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com)

---

## 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)

---

