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Lower speed limit for New York City

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THE READING

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Drivers in New York have to drive more slowly. There is a new speed limit of 25 mph (40 kph). This is for 90 per cent of the city's streets. The Department of Transportation wants people to drive more carefully and reduce accidents and deaths. The city's mayor wants to improve traffic safety. He said many people in New York think people must drive more safely to protect children and old people. Other people say the limit will increase accidents.

Most countries have a maximum speed for cars, trucks, buses, etc. Some have a minimum speed. The world's first speed limit was 10 mph (16 kmh). This was in the UK in 1861. The world's highest limit is 140 kmh (87 mph) in Poland and Bulgaria. Some of the world's roads have no speed limit, like the Autobahns in Germany. The WHO said 1.24 million people die each year in traffic accidents. This number could fall if people drove slowly.

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VOCABULARY MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. drive more | a. safety |
| 2. There is a new speed | b. drive more carefully |
| 3. This is for 90 per cent | c. protect children |
| 4. wants people to | d. slowly |
| 5. reduce | e. of the city's streets |
| 6. improve traffic | f. increase accidents |
| 7. drive more safely to | g. limit of 25 mph |
| 8. the limit will | h. accidents |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Most countries have | a. have no speed limit |
| 2. Some have a minimum | b. was 10 mph |
| 3. The world's first speed limit | c. a maximum speed |
| 4. This was in the | d. die each year |
| 5. The world's highest | e. speed |
| 6. Some of the world's roads | f. accidents |
| 7. 1.24 million people | g. UK in 1861 |
| 8. traffic | h. limit is 140 kph |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Drivers in New York have to (1) _____. There is a new speed limit of 25 mph (40 kph). This is for 90 per cent of (2) _____. The Department of Transportation wants people to (3) _____ and reduce accidents and deaths. The city's mayor wants to (4) _____. He said many people in New York think people must drive more safely (5) _____ and old people. Other people say the limit will (6) _____.

Most countries have (7) _____ for cars, trucks, buses, etc. Some have a minimum speed. The world's first speed (8) _____ (16 kmh). This was in the UK in 1861. The world's (9) _____ 140 kmh (87 mph) in Poland and Bulgaria. (10) _____ roads have no speed limit, like the Autobahns in Germany. The WHO said 1.24 million (11) _____ year in traffic accidents. This number (12) _____ drove slowly.

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)
