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## **Level 2**

# **BBC Top Gear star 'punches' producer**

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# THE READING

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The BBC has suspended one of its biggest stars for reportedly hitting a producer. Reports say Jeremy Clarkson, 54, the presenter of the popular Top Gear show, got into a fight with the producer. They argued about the lack of food on offer after filming one of the shows. Mr Clarkson supposedly got angry over this and hit the producer. The BBC suspended Clarkson and announced they would not televise the next two programmes. Clarkson is so popular worldwide that 400,000 people signed an online petition. They want the BBC to keep Clarkson on the show.

One of Mr Clarkson's co-presenters, James May, said this incident is not so serious. He said: "I think [Clarkson has] been involved in a bit of a dust-up." Mr Clarkson joked with reporters from his car. They asked him where he was going. He replied, "the job centre". Clarkson retweeted a message from a fan to his 4.5 million Twitter followers. It read: "How can the BBC not show the remaining episodes of Top Gear? Can't this be resolved without making the fans suffer?" Over 350 million people in 200 countries watch the show. Clarkson has angered people before over racist comments.

Sources: <http://www.bbc.com/news/entertainment-arts-31832698>  
<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/celebritynews/11464430/Jeremy-Clarkson-suspended-after-punching-Top-Gear-producer-in-row-over-catering.html>

# MATCHING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1503/150314-top-gear-2.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

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|------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. The BBC has suspended one       | a. next two programmes  |
| 2 the presenter                    | b. worldwide            |
| 3. They argued about the lack      | c. Clarkson on the show |
| 4. Clarkson supposedly got         | d. of food              |
| 5. they would not televise the     | e. of the popular       |
| 6. Clarkson is so popular          | f. petition             |
| 7. 400,000 people signed an online | g. of its biggest stars |
| 8. They want the BBC to keep       | h. angry over this      |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

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|--|-----------------------|
| 1. One of Mr Clarkson's co-            | a. with reporters     |
| 2 this incident is not                 | b. of a dust-up       |
| 3. Clarkson has been involved in a bit | c. episodes           |
| 4. Mr Clarkson joked                   | d. presenters         |
| 5. Clarkson retweeted a                | e. people before      |
| 6. the remaining                       | f. so serious         |
| 7. Clarkson has angered                | g. comments           |
| 8. racist                              | h. message from a fan |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The BBC has suspended (1) \_\_\_\_\_ stars for reportedly hitting a producer. Reports say Jeremy Clarkson, 54, the presenter (2) \_\_\_\_\_ Top Gear show, got into a fight with the producer. They argued about (3) \_\_\_\_\_ offer after filming one of the shows. Mr Clarkson supposedly got angry (4) \_\_\_\_\_ the producer. The BBC suspended Clarkson and announced (5) \_\_\_\_\_ televise the next two programmes. Clarkson is so popular worldwide that 400,000 people signed (6) \_\_\_\_\_. They want the BBC to keep Clarkson on the show.

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# 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)

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b)

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c)

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d)

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e)

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f)

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g)

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h)

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

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

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