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Record airbag recall

22nd May, 2015

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THE READING

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The USA is recalling a record 34 million cars because of airbag safety concerns. It is the biggest recall in US history. Takata, the manufacturer of the airbags, has said that the bags are defective and should be repaired or replaced. A spokesman from Takata said the airbags open too quickly, which can cause broken bits of glass or metal to be shot into the faces of drivers or passengers. Eleven different models of car have the bags. It follows other recalls from Japanese car manufacturers. The faulty airbags have been linked to six deaths and over 100 injuries.

The US Department for Transportation said: "Today is a major step forward for public safety. The department...is taking the proactive steps necessary to ensure that defective [airbags] are replaced with safe ones as quickly as possible, and that the highest risks are addressed first." Takata's CEO said: "We are pleased to have reached this agreement...which represents a clear path forward." The recall will cost the company and its customers up to \$5 billion. Despite this, the CEO said he expects the company will make a profit this year.

Sources: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/05/19/us-autos-takata-recall-idUSKBN00428E20150519>
http://www.nytimes.com/2015/05/20/business/takata-airbag-recall.html?_r=0
<http://www.bbc.com/news/business-32806056>

MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. It is the biggest recall | a. of car |
| 2. the airbags open | b. airbags |
| 3. bits of glass | c. or passengers |
| 4. the faces of drivers | d. in US history |
| 5. Eleven different models | e. and over 100 injuries |
| 6. car | f. or metal |
| 7. faulty | g. too quickly |
| 8. linked to six deaths | h. manufacturers |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. a major step forward | a. addressed first |
| 2. taking the proactive | b. airbags are replaced |
| 3. ensure that defective | c. a profit |
| 4. the highest risks are | d. forward |
| 5. We are pleased to have reached | e. for public safety |
| 6. a clear path | f. this agreement |
| 7. The recall will cost | g. steps necessary |
| 8. the company will make | h. the company |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The USA is (1) _____ 34 million cars because of airbag safety concerns. It is the biggest (2) _____ history. Takata, the manufacturer of the airbags, has said that the bags are defective and should be (3) _____. A spokesman from Takata said the airbags open too quickly, which can cause (4) _____ glass or metal to be shot (5) _____ drivers or passengers. Eleven different models of car have the bags. It follows other recalls from Japanese car manufacturers. The (6) _____ been linked to six deaths and over 100 injuries.

The US Department for Transportation said: "Today (7) _____ forward for public safety. The department...is taking the proactive steps necessary (8) _____ defective [airbags] are replaced (9) _____ quickly as possible, and that the highest risks are addressed first." Takata's CEO said: "We are pleased to have (10) _____...which represents a clear path forward." The (11) _____ company and its customers up to \$5 billion. Despite this, the CEO said he expects the company (12) _____ this year.

AIRBAGS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about airbags in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.
When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

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) _____

