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Volkswagen to recall 11 million cars

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THE READING

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Volkswagen (VW) will recall around 11 million cars because of the emissions tests scandal. It is in big trouble. Some experts say the recall could cost VW more than \$6.5 billion. VW admitted cheating in emissions tests in the USA and Europe. It changed data to show that VW cars were more fuel-efficient than they really are. VW is Europe's largest carmaker. It has over 750,000 workers. It has lost more than a third of its market value and has damaged its image.

Bosses at VW could face criminal charges. Some staff acted criminally because they knew about the cheating. Others decided to install the cheating software. A company spokesperson said they must take responsibility. He added: "We only found out about the problems in the last board meeting, shortly before the media did....We need to find out why the board wasn't informed earlier about the problems when they were known about over a year ago."

Sources: <http://uk.reuters.com/article/2015/09/29/uk-volkswagen-emissions-plan-idUKKCN0RT0P820150929>
<http://www.bbc.com/news/business-34397426>
<http://www.autocar.co.uk/car-news/industry/vw-board-member-some-staff-were-warned-about-cheat-year-ago>

MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. the emissions tests | a. carmaker |
| 2. the recall could cost VW | b. efficient |
| 3. VW admitted cheating in | c. value |
| 4. fuel- | d. scandal |
| 5. VW is Europe's largest | e. image |
| 6. It has over 750,000 | f. more than \$6.5 billion |
| 7. a third of its market | g. workers |
| 8. damaged its | h. emissions tests |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---|-------------------------|
| 1. Bosses at VW could face | a. responsibility |
| 2. Some staff acted | b. cheating software |
| 3. they knew about | c. earlier |
| 4. install the | d. criminally |
| 5. they must take | e. meeting |
| 6. shortly | f. criminal charges |
| 7. in the last board | g. before the media did |
| 8. find out why the board wasn't informed | h. the cheating |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Volkswagen (VW) (1) _____ 11 million cars because of the emissions tests scandal. It (2) _____. Some experts say the recall could cost VW (3) _____ billion. VW admitted cheating in emissions tests in the USA and Europe. It changed (4) _____ VW cars were more fuel-efficient than they really are. VW is Europe's (5) _____. It has over 750,000 workers. It has lost more than a third of its market value (6) _____ image.

Bosses at VW (7) _____ charges. Some staff acted criminally because they (8) _____ cheating. Others decided to install the cheating software. A company spokesperson said they must (9) _____. He added: "We only found out about the problems (10) _____ meeting, shortly before the media did...We need to find out why the board (11) _____ about the problems when they were known about (12) _____."

VOLKSWAGEN SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about Volkswagen 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)

