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16-year-old joins F1 team as race driver

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THE ARTICLE

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In most countries around the world, 16-year-olds have to wait for another two years to be able to drive a car. Not so for 16-year-old Max Verstappen. He has just been signed up to drive for a Formula 1 racing team. He will become the youngest ever F1 driver when he races for the Toro Rosso team next year. He will be 17 when he takes part in his first Grand Prix, alongside drivers like Fernando Alonso, Lewis Hamilton and Sebastian Vettel. The current record for the youngest F1 driver is 19 years and 125 days. Verstappen will make his debut at the Australian Grand Prix. He told reporters: "Ever since I was seven years old, Formula 1 has been my career goal, so this opportunity is truly a dream come true."

The Toro Rosso team boss Franz Tost was very enthusiastic about Max signing for his team. He said: "We are happy to welcome Max into the Toro Rosso family....We consider Max to be one of the most skilled young drivers of the new generation and we believe he has the necessary maturity and mental strength to take on this challenge successfully." He added: "It will now be up to us to provide Max with a competitive car, which will enable him to have the best possible start to his Formula 1 career." Max is the son of the former F1 driver Jos Verstappen. He said he owed a lot of his success to his father, saying: "First of all a big thanks to my father, who has always been by my side, day and night, year after year."

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WARM-UPS

1. FORMULA 1: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about Formula 1. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

countries / two years / racing / drivers / record / career goal / dream come true / enthusiastic / welcome / skilled / generation / maturity / challenge / success / thanks

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. 16-YEAR-OLD: How would a 16-year-old do at these jobs? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	They'd do well because...	They'd do badly because...
F1 racing driver		
Police officer		
Teacher		
Flight attendant		
Tour guide		
CEO		

4. YOUNGEST: Students A **strongly** believe 16 is too young to be a Formula 1 driver; Students B **strongly** believe 16 is OK to race an F1 car. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

5. RACING: Rank these with your partner. Put the most exciting at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Formula 1
- marathon
- 100 metres
- horse racing
- 400 metres relay
- Tour de France
- motorbike racing
- 50-km walking race

6. RACE: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "race". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

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

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- | | |
|---|-------|
| a. The legal driving age in most world countries is 16. | T / F |
| b. Max will be 17 when he makes his Formula 1 debut. | T / F |
| c. The previous record for the youngest driver was 18 years and 25 days. | T / F |
| d. Max wanted to enter Formula 1 when he was seven years old. | T / F |
| e. The boss of the racing team said Max is the most skilled young driver. | T / F |
| f. The boss believes Max has the mental strength to race successfully. | T / F |
| g. Max's father was a successful motorbike racer. | T / F |
| h. Max said he owed a lot of his success to his father. | T / F |

2. SYNONYM MATCH: Match the following synonyms from the article.

- | | |
|----------------|-----------------|
| 1. countries | a. head |
| 2. another | b. next to |
| 3. alongside | c. profession |
| 4. debut | d. chance |
| 5. opportunity | e. equip |
| 6. boss | f. nations |
| 7. consider | g. ex- |
| 8. provide | h. introduction |
| 9. career | i. believe |
| 10. former | j. a further |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. In most countries | a. seven years old |
| 2. He will be 17 when he takes | b. year after year |
| 3. The current | c. come true |
| 4. Ever since I was | d. welcome Max |
| 5. this opportunity is truly a dream | e. possible start |
| 6. We are happy to | f. record |
| 7. he has the necessary maturity | g. around the world |
| 8. enable him to have the best | h. to his father |
| 9. he owed a lot of his success | i. part |
| 10. day and night, | j. and mental strength |

GAP FILL

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

In most countries around the world, 16-year-olds have to (1) _____ for another two years to be able to drive a car. Not so for 16-year-old Max Verstappen. He has just been (2) _____ up to drive for a Formula 1 racing team. He will become the youngest (3) _____ F1 driver when he races for the Toro Rosso team next year. He will be 17 when he takes (4) _____ in his first Grand Prix, alongside drivers like Fernando Alonso, Lewis Hamilton and Sebastian Vettel. The (5) _____ record for the youngest F1 driver is 19 years and 125 days. Verstappen will make his (6) _____ at the Australian Grand Prix. He told reporters: "Ever since I was seven years old, Formula 1 has been my (7) _____ goal, so this opportunity is truly a (8) _____ come true."

part
career
signed
dream
current
wait
ever
debut

The Toro Rosso team boss Franz Tost was very (9) _____ about Max signing for his team. He said: "We are happy to (10) _____ Max into the Toro Rosso family....We consider Max to be one of the most (11) _____ young drivers of the new generation and we believe he has the necessary maturity and mental (12) _____ to take on this challenge successfully." He added: "It will now be up to us to provide Max with a (13) _____ car, which will enable him to have the best (14) _____ start to his Formula 1 career." Max is the son of the former F1 driver Jos Verstappen. He said he (15) _____ a lot of his success to his father, saying: "First of all a big thanks to my father, who has always been by my (16) _____, day and night, year after year."

possible
skilled
side
enthusiastic
owed
strength
welcome
competitive

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) In most countries around the world, 16-year-olds have to wait for _____
 - a. another two years
 - b. a further two years
 - c. an other two years
 - d. the other two years
- 2) He has just been signed up to drive for a Formula _____
 - a. 1 racing teen
 - b. 1 racing team
 - c. 1 racing steam
 - d. 1 racing teem
- 3) He will be 17 when he takes part in his _____
 - a. fast Grand Prix
 - b. firsts Grand Prix
 - c. first Grand Prix
 - d. thirst Grand Prix
- 4) Verstappen will make _____ the Australian Grand Prix
 - a. his day view at
 - b. his review at
 - c. his debutant at
 - d. his debut at
- 5) Formula 1 has been my career goal, so this opportunity is truly a _____
 - a. dreamy come true
 - b. dreams come true
 - c. dream come true
 - d. dreamer come true
- 6) The Toro Rosso team boss Franz Tost was _____
 - a. very enthusiastically
 - b. very enthusiastic
 - c. very enthusiasm
 - d. very enthuse is a stick
- 7) We consider Max to be one of the most skilled young drivers of _____
 - a. the newly generation
 - b. the new generation
 - c. the new generations
 - d. the newly generations
- 8) the necessary maturity and mental strength to take on this _____
 - a. challenge success fully
 - b. challenge successfully
 - c. challenged successfully
 - d. challenged success fully
- 9) enable him to have the best possible start to his _____
 - a. Formula 1 careers
 - b. Formula 1 car rear
 - c. Formula 1 careering
 - d. Formula 1 career
- 10) First of all a big thanks to my father, who has always _____
 - a. been by my side
 - b. been by my sides
 - c. been by my said
 - d. been by my seed

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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The Toro Rosso team boss Franz Tost was (7) _____ Max signing for his team. He said: "We are happy to welcome Max into the Toro Rosso family....We consider Max to (8) _____ skilled young drivers of the new generation and we believe he has the necessary maturity and mental strength to take on this (9) _____." He added: "It will now be up to us to provide Max with a competitive car, which will enable him to have the (10) _____ to his Formula 1 career." Max is the (11) _____ F1 driver Jos Verstappen. He said he owed a lot of his success to his father, saying: "First of all a big thanks to my father, who has always (12) _____, day and night, year after year."

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

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

1. What is the minimum driving age in most countries around the world?

2. What is the name of the team Max is joining?

3. Where will Max make his debut?

4. When did Max first want to be a racing driver?

5. What did Max say has come true?

6. How did the team boss feel about Max signing for the team?

7. What does the boss feel Max has?

8. What will the team have to give to Max?

9. What was one of the jobs of Max's father?

10. Where did Max say his father had always been?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

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

1. What is the minimum driving age in most countries around the world?
 - a) 20
 - b) 18
 - c) 17
 - d) 16
2. What is the name of the team Max is joining?
 - a) Renault
 - b) Mercedes
 - c) Ferrari
 - d) Toro Rosso
3. Where will Max make his debut?
 - a) Australia
 - b) Hungary
 - c) Singapore
 - d) Bahrain
4. When did Max first want to be a racing driver?
 - a) three years ago
 - b) in 2008
 - c) when he was 7
 - d) when he met Michael Schumacher
5. What did Max say has come true?
 - a) a promise
 - b) his dream
 - c) a prediction
 - d) reality
6. How did the team boss feel about Max signing for the team?
 - a) enthusiastic
 - b) good
 - c) positive
 - d) optimistic
7. What does the boss feel Max has?
 - a) great eyesight
 - b) big muscles
 - c) mental strength
 - d) courage
8. What will the team have to give to Max?
 - a) a competitive car
 - b) a big bonus
 - c) a special uniform
 - d) time for school homework
9. What was one of the jobs of Max's father?
 - a) F1 driver
 - b) engineer
 - c) airplane pilot
 - d) sports reporter
10. Where did Max say his father had always been?
 - a) in other countries
 - b) at work
 - c) in a race car
 - d) by his side

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Formula 1

You think Formula 1 is the most exciting sport. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are not so exciting about their sport. Also, tell the others which is the least exciting of these (and why): the Olympic marathon, the Tour de France or horse racing.

Role B – Olympic marathon

You think the Olympic marathon is the most exciting sport. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are not so exciting about their sport. Also, tell the others which is the least exciting of these (and why): Formula 1, the Tour de France or horse racing.

Role C – Tour de France

You think the Tour de France is the most exciting sport. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are not so exciting about their sport. Also, tell the others which is the least exciting of these (and why): the Olympic marathon, Formula 1 or horse racing.

Role D – Horse racing

You think horse racing is the most exciting sport. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are not so exciting about their sport. Also, tell the others which is the least exciting of these (and why): the Olympic marathon, the Tour de France or Formula 1.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

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

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'career' and 'goal'.

career	goal
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• most• up• 17• 19• since• true	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• boss• consider• mental• possible• son• side
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FORMULA 1 SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about Formula 1 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.

FORMULA 1 DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

- a) What did you think when you read the headline?
- b) What springs to mind when you hear the word 'sixteen'?
- c) What do you think of a 16-year-old F1 driver?
- d) What is the best age for someone to start driving in a city?
- e) Do you think other F1 drivers will worry about Max?
- f) What do you think of Formula 1?
- g) How do you think Max will do in his first race?
- h) What do you think it's like to race in F1 races?
- i) What was your "career goal" when you were seven years old?
- j) Which of your dreams would you like to come true?

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FORMULA 1 DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

- a) Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- b) What do you know about Formula 1?
- c) Why do you think the team signed someone so young?
- d) Who is your favourite F1 driver, and why?
- e) What are you skilled at?
- f) What do you think you could have been really, really good at?
- g) Who do you owe a lot to (and for what)?
- h) Who has had the biggest effect on your life?
- i) What advice would you give Max Verstappen?
- j) What questions would you like to ask Max Verstappen?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1. | (a) wait | (b) stay | (c) stand by | (d) expect |
| 2. | (a) down | (b) in | (c) up | (d) as |
| 3. | (a) raced | (b) racing | (c) races | (d) race |
| 4. | (a) siding | (b) aside | (c) nearside | (d) alongside |
| 5. | (a) debut | (b) review | (c) rebut | (d) debar |
| 6. | (a) truth | (b) truly | (c) true | (d) truths |
| 7. | (a) as | (b) around | (c) after | (d) about |
| 8. | (a) greet | (b) welcome | (c) reception | (d) pleasure |
| 9. | (a) strong | (b) powerful | (c) strength | (d) powered |
| 10. | (a) ably | (b) ability | (c) able | (d) enable |
| 11. | (a) lend | (b) settle | (c) debt | (d) owed |
| 12. | (a) as | (b) by | (c) for | (d) with |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. eisgnd up to drive for a Formula 1 racing team
2. the tsuoygne ever F1 driver
3. olaesdign drivers like Fernando Alonso
4. make his bteud
5. Formula 1 has been my rcreea goal
6. this ruyttoppion is truly a dream come true

Paragraph 2

7. very itnitaushecs about Max signing
8. We are happy to ecowmel Max
9. the new oeingetnar
10. the necessary yuarttim and mental strength
11. a pvticmeoiet car
12. he owed a lot of his ssccsue to his father

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () team. He will become the youngest ever F1 driver when he races for the Toro Rosso team next year. He will be 17
- () car, which will enable him to have the best possible start to his Formula 1 career." Max is the son
- (**1**) In most countries around the world, 16-year-olds have to wait for another two years to be able to
- () drive a car. Not so for 16-year-old Max Verstappen. He has just been signed up to drive for a Formula 1 racing
- () days. Verstappen will make his debut at the Australian Grand Prix. He told reporters: "Ever since I was seven
- () The Toro Rosso team boss Franz Tost was very enthusiastic about Max signing for his team. He said: "We are happy
- () to welcome Max into the Toro Rosso family....We consider Max to be one of the most skilled
- () when he takes part in his first Grand Prix, alongside drivers like Fernando Alonso, Lewis Hamilton
- () years old, Formula 1 has been my career goal, so this opportunity is truly a dream come true."
- () young drivers of the new generation and we believe he has the necessary maturity and mental strength to take
- () on this challenge successfully." He added: "It will now be up to us to provide Max with a competitive
- () of the former F1 driver Jos Verstappen. He said he owed a lot of his success to his father, saying: "First
- () of all a big thanks to my father, who has always been by my side, day and night, year after year."
- () and Sebastian Vettel. The current record for the youngest F1 driver is 19 years and 125

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. another drive be two Wait a able years for car to to.

2. He ever will F1 become driver the youngest.

3. be Grand takes will first he He his when in 17 Prix part.

4. is driver F1 youngest the for record current The years 19.

5. opportunity come is true truly a This dream.

6. for his team Tost was very enthusiastic about Max signing.

7. drivers most one Max skilled of to We young the be consider.

8. the skilled of generation most drivers new The young.

9. car Up to us to provide Max with a competitive.

10. his his a said father success lot he to of owed He.

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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In *most / mostly* countries around the world, 16-year-olds have to wait for *another / the other* two years to be *ability / able* to drive a car. Not so for 16-year-old Max Verstappen. He has just been signed *down / up* to drive for a Formula 1 racing team. He will become the youngest *ever / even* F1 driver when he races for the Toro Rosso team next year. He will be 17 when he takes *part / party* in his first Grand Prix, alongside drivers like Fernando Alonso, Lewis Hamilton and Sebastian Vettel. The *currant / current* record for the youngest F1 driver is 19 years and 125 days. Verstappen will make his *debut / rebut* at the Australian Grand Prix. He told reporters: "Every / Ever since I was seven years old, Formula 1 has been my career goal, so this opportunity is *truly / truth* a dream come true."

The Toro Rosso team boss Franz Tost was very *enthusiasm / enthusiastic* about Max *signing / singing* for his team. He said: "We are happy to welcome Max into the Toro Rosso family...We *consider / considerate* Max to be one of the most *skilled / skill* young drivers of the new generation and we believe he has the necessary *mature / maturity* and mental strength to take on this challenge successfully." He added: "It will now be *on / up* to us to provide Max with a *compete / competitive* car, which will enable him to have the best *possible / possibly* start to his Formula 1 career." Max is the son of the former F1 driver Jos Verstappen. He said he *owing / owed* a lot of his success to his father, saying: "First of all a big thanks to my father, who has always been *by / next* my side, day and night, year after year."

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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_n m_st c__ntr__s _r__nd th_ w_rld, 16-y__r-_lds h_v_
t_ w__t f_r _n_th_r tw_ y__rs t_ b_ _bl_ t_ dr_v_ _ c_r.
N_t s_ f_r 16-y__r-_ld M_x V_rst_pp_n. H_ h_s j_st b__n
s_gn_d _p t_ dr_v_ f_r _ F_rm_l_ 1 r_c_ng t__m. H_ w_ll
b_c_m_ th_ y__ng_st _v_r F1 dr_v_r wh_n h_ r_c_s f_r
th_ T_r_ R_ss_ t__m n_xt y__r. H_ w_ll b_ 17 wh_n h_
t_k_s p_rt _n h_s f_rst Gr_nd Pr_x, _l_ngs_d_ dr_v_rs
l_k_ F_rn_nd_ _l_ns_, L_w_s H_m_lt_n _nd S_b_st__n
V_tt_l. Th_ c_rr_nt r_c_r_d f_r th_ y__ng_st F1 dr_v_r _s
19 y__rs _nd 125 d_ys. V_rst_pp_n w_ll m_k_ h_s d_b_t
t th __str_l__n Gr_nd Pr_x. H_ t_ld r_p_rts: "_v_r
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c_r__r g__l, s_ th_s _pp_rtn_ty _s tr_ly _ dr__m c_m_
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_nth_s__st_c _b__t M_x s_gn_ng f_r h_s t__m. H_ s__d:
"W_ _r_ h_ppy t_ w_lc_m_ M_x _nt_ th_ T_r_ R_ss_
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y__ng dr_v_rs _f th_ n_w g_n_r_t__n _nd w_ b_l__v_ h_
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_n th_s ch_ll_ng_ s_cc_ssf_lly." H_ _dd_d: "_t w_ll n_w
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F1 dr_v_r J_s V_rst_pp_n. H_ s__d h_ _w_d _l_t _f h_s
s_cc_sst_ h_s f_th_r, s_y_ng: "F_rst _f _ll _ b_g th_nks
t_ my f_th_r, wh_ h_s _lw_ys b__n by my s_d_, d_y _nd
n_gh_t, y__r _ft_r y__r."

PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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

Put the punctuation marks back into the following text:

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the toro rosso team boss franz tost was very enthusiastic about max signing for his team he said "we are happy to welcome max into the toro rosso family...we consider max to be one of the most skilled young drivers of the new generation and we believe he has the necessary maturity and mental strength to take on this challenge successfully" he added "it will now be up to us to provide max with a competitive car which will enable him to have the best possible start to his formula 1 career" max is the son of the former f1 driver jos verstappen he said he owed a lot of his success to his father saying "first of all a big thanks to my father who has always been by my side day and night year after year"

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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HOMework

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about Max Verstappen. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. FORMULA 1: Make a poster about Formula 1. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. SIXTEEN: Write a magazine article about the new 16-year-old Formula 1 driver. Include imaginary interviews with people who think 16 is too young to race F1, and people who think 16 is a good age to start.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on Formula 1. Ask him/her three questions about Formula 1. Give him/her three of your opinions on Max Verstappen racing in F1. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

a F b T c F d T e F f T g F h T

SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

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|----------------|-----------------|
| 1. countries | a. nations |
| 2. another | b. a further |
| 3. alongside | c. next to |
| 4. debut | d. introduction |
| 5. opportunity | e. chance |
| 6. boss | f. head |
| 7. consider | g. believe |
| 8. provide | h. equip |
| 9. career | i. profession |
| 10. former | j. ex- |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

- 18
- Toro Rosso
- Australia
- When he was 7
- His dream
- Enthusiastic
- Maturity and mental strength
- A competitive car
- An F1 driver
- By his side

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

1. b 2. d 3. a 4. c 5. b 6. a 7. c 8. a 9. a 10. d

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)