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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 faulty airbags. It is the biggest recall in US history. Takata, the maker of the airbags, said the bags are defective and should be replaced. Takata said the airbags open too quickly and this can make broken glass or bits of metal to fly into the faces of drivers or passengers. Eleven models of car have the bags. The faulty airbags have been linked to six deaths and over 100 injuries.

A US government spokesman said: "Today is a major step forward for public safety. [We are] taking the proactive steps necessary to ensure that defective [airbags] are replaced with safe ones as quickly as possible." Takata's CEO said: "We are pleased to have reached this agreement...which represents a clear path forward." The recall will cost Takata and its customers up to \$5 billion. The company will still 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 bags are defective and | b. bits of metal |
| 3. the airbags open | c. and over 100 injuries |
| 4. broken glass or | d. should be replaced |
| 5. the faces of drivers | e. in US history |
| 6. Eleven models | f. airbags |
| 7. faulty | g. too quickly |
| 8. linked to six deaths | h. or passengers |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. A US government | a. forward |
| 2. a major step | b. safety |
| 3. public | c. steps necessary |
| 4. taking the proactive | d. this agreement |
| 5. as quickly | e. spokesman |
| 6. We are pleased to have reached | f. a profit |
| 7. a clear path | g. forward |
| 8. The company will still make | h. as possible |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The USA is (1) _____ 34 million cars because of faulty airbags. It is the (2) _____ US history. Takata, the maker of the airbags, said the bags (3) _____ should be replaced. Takata said the airbags (4) _____ and this can make broken glass or bits of metal (5) _____ faces of drivers or passengers. Eleven models of car have the bags. The faulty airbags have been linked to six deaths (6) _____.

A US government spokesman said: "Today (7) _____ forward for public safety. [We are] taking (8) _____ necessary to ensure (9) _____ [airbags] are replaced with safe ones as (10) _____." Takata's CEO said: "We are pleased to have reached (11) _____ represents a clear path forward." The recall will cost Takata and its customers up to \$5 billion. The company will (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)

