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Level 1 EU plans to stop cars speeding

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THE READING

From http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1309/130905-speed-limit-1.html

The European Union (EU) plans to stop cars speeding. It hopes to reduce the 30,000 road deaths that happen each year in Europe. It will use a technology called intelligent speed authority (ISA). Satellites communicate with cars. It gives the driver a warning about the speed limit. The technology can also automatically put on the car's brakes and slow it down to a safer speed. The transport department said it could cut road deaths by one-third by 2020.

Not everyone is happy with this idea. People in Britain do not want the EU telling them how to drive. It takes away the freedom of drivers. Britain believes it is unnecessary because it has fewer road deaths. In 2012, 1,754 people died on British roads. This was lower than in 2011 and the lowest figure ever. In Germany, there were 3,657 deaths last year. A motoring group warned that ISA could be dangerous. You cannot accelerate to avoid crashing, if you have to.

Sources: http://www.**telegraph**.co.uk/motoring/road-safety/10278702/EU-plans-to-fit-all-cars-with-speed-limiters.html http://www.**dailymail**.co.uk/news/article-2408012/Britain-fights-EUs-Big-Brother-bid-fit-car-speed-limiter.html#ixzz2doRM5xzN http://www.**idigitaltimes**.co.uk/articles/496639/20130902/european-union-plans-install-automatic-speed-limiting.htm

VOCABULARY MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

1.	stop cars	a.	with cars
2	road	b.	safer speed
3.	Satellites communicate	c.	speeding
4.	It gives the driver	d.	one-third
5.	automatically put on	e.	deaths
6.	slow it down to a	f.	department
7.	transport	g.	a warning
8.	cut road deaths by	h.	the car's brakes

PARAGRAPH TWO:

1.	Not everyone is happy	a.	group
2	telling them	b.	freedom of drivers
3.	It takes away the	c.	figure ever
4.	it has fewer	d.	with this idea
5.	this was lower	e.	road deaths
6.	the lowest	f.	how to drive
7.	a motoring	g.	avoid crashing
8.	accelerate to	h.	than in 2011

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The European Union (EU) (1) ______ speeding. hopes to reduce the 30,000 road deaths (2) It ______ year in Europe. It will use a technology called intelligent speed authority (ISA). Satellites communicate with cars. It gives the driver (3) ______ the speed limit. The technology can (4) _____ on the car's brakes and (5) ______ a safer speed. The transport department (6) _____ road deaths by one-third by 2020. Not everyone is (7) _____ idea. People in Britain do not want the EU telling (8) _____. It takes away the freedom of drivers. Britain believes it is unnecessary because (9) _____ deaths. In 2012, 1,754 people died on British roads. This _____ in 2011 (10)and the (11) . In Germany, there were 3,657

deaths last year. A motoring group warned that ISA could be dangerous. You cannot (12) ______ crashing, if

you have to.

PUT A SLASH (/)WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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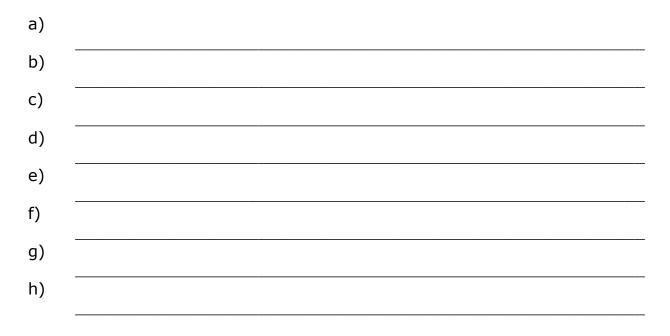
WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

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

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



WRITING

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Write about **speed limits** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.