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Level 2 Lower speed limit for New York City

9th November, 2014

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Please try Levels 0 and 1 (easier) and the 26-page Level 3 (harder).



THE READING

From http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1411/141109-speed-limit-2.html

Drivers in New York now have to drive more slowly. There is a new speed limit of 25 mph (40 kph). The old limit was 30 mph (about 48 kph). The new law is for 90 per cent of the city's streets. The Department of Transportation hopes people will drive more carefully and reduce traffic accidents and deaths. The city's mayor said he wanted to improve traffic safety and end pedestrian deaths. He said that many people in New York agreed that people must drive more safely and slower to protect children and seniors. Other people say the limit will make drivers angry and increase accidents.

Most countries limit the maximum speed for cars, trucks, buses, etc. They can also limit the minimum speed. The first speed limit was the 10 mph (16 kmh) limit introduced in the UK in 1861. The world's highest speed limit is 140 kmh (87 mph) in Poland and Bulgaria. Some of the world's roads have no speed limit. The most famous ones are the Autobahns in Germany. In 2006, the average speed on part of the Autobahn was 142 kmh (88 mph). The World Health Organisation said 1.24 million people die each year in traffic accidents. This number could fall if people drove more slowly.

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MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

1.	There is a new speed limit	а.	deaths	
2	The old limit	b.	and seniors	
3.	The new law is for 90 per cent	c.	traffic safety	
4.	he wanted to improve	d.	of the city's streets	
5.	end pedestrian	e.	increase accidents	
6.	drive more	f.	of 25 mph	
7.	protect children	g.	safely and slower	
8.	make drivers angry and	h.	was 30 mph	
PARAGRAPH TWO:				
1.	the maximum speed	a.	have no speed limit	

- 2 They can also limit b. die each year
- 3. introduced in the UK c. the minimum speed

f.

g.

for cars

drove more slowly

- 4. Some of the world's roads d. speed
- 5. The most famous ones e. in 1861
- 6. the average
- 7. 1.24 million people
- 8. This number could fall if people h. are the Autobahns

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Drivers in New York now (1) ________ slowly. There is a new speed limit of 25 mph (40 kph). (2) _______ 30 mph (about 48 kph). The new law is for 90 per cent of the city's streets. The Department of Transportation hopes people will drive more carefully (3) _______ accidents and deaths. The city's mayor said he (4) _______ traffic safety and end pedestrian deaths. He said that many people in New York agreed that (5) _______ more safely and slower to protect children and seniors. Other people say the limit will make drivers (6) _______ accidents.

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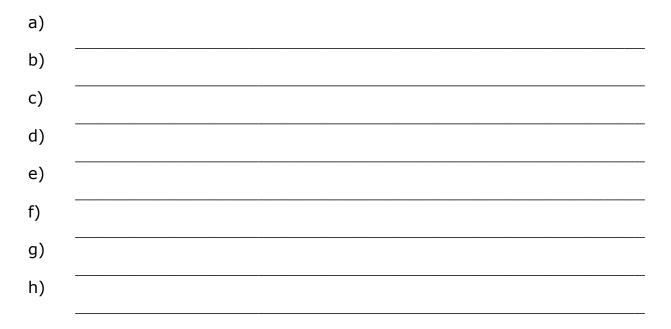
PUT A SLASH (/)WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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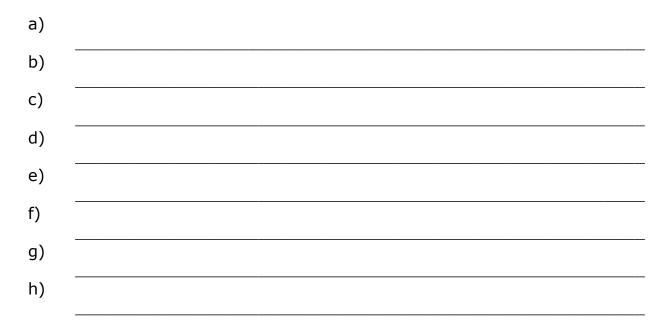
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Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).



WRITING

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