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## **Germany thinking about speed limit on autobahn**

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# THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1901/190125-autobahn-speed-limit.html>

Germany may put a speed limit on its world famous autobahn network of highways. The autobahn has a total length of about 12,996 kilometers. There is no speed limit on it for many types of vehicles. However, there are limits in some built-up areas, spots that are accident-prone, or roads that are under construction or undergoing repairs. On the parts of the network on which there is no limit, there is an advisory speed limit of 130 kilometers per hour (80 mph). Germany's government may now put a speed limit on all parts of the autobahn. This is because Germany has to meet fuel emission targets set by the European Union. It wants to reduce the damage done to the environment by cars that drive fast.

Many drivers in Germany are unhappy with a possible speed limit on the autobahn. They do not want the 130kph limit, even though that is normal in other EU countries. Some politicians say the proposed speed limit will never get passed in Germany's government. One politician, Ulrich Lange, said: "I don't think the suggestion of a speed limit is practical." One of Germany's best-selling newspapers Bild Zeitung disagreed with the speed limit. It wrote: "Our autobahn roads are a symbol of freedom. 'Tested on German autobahn' is a quality seal. There are enough speed limits." Germany could face big EU fines if it does not reduce its greenhouse gas emissions.

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# WARM-UPS

**1. SPEED LIMITS:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about speed limits. 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?

speed / limit / highways / vehicles / accident / construction / network / damage / cars  
unhappy / normal / politicians / suggestion / practical / symbol / freedom / quality

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

**3. LOWER LIMITS:** Students A **strongly** believe all roads should have reduced speed limits; Students B **strongly** believe this is totally unnecessary. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**4. CARS:** How can cars be improved? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Improvement	What Different It Will Make
Engine size		
Colours		
Safety		
Speed		
Environment		
Interior		

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

**6. GERMANY:** Rank these with your partner. Put the best things about Germany at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- the autobahn
- Porsche
- sauerkraut
- Grimm's Fairy Tales
- Beethoven
- Karl Marx
- Adidas
- Black Forest gateau

# VOCABULARY MATCHING

## Paragraph 1

- |                   |  |
|-------------------|--|
| 1. network        | a. Covered by houses or other buildings.   |
| 2. highways       | b. A complex system of roads, railroads, or other transportation routes.                                     |
| 3. vehicles       | c. A thing used for transporting people or goods, especially on land, such as a car, truck, or cart.         |
| 4. built-up       | d. The actions of fixing or mending something.   |
| 5. accident-prone | e. Make smaller or less in amount, degree, or size.  |
| 6. repairs        | f. Main roads, especially ones connecting major towns or cities.   |
| 7. reduce         | g. Tending to be involved in a greater than average number of crashes, mishaps and other unfortunate things. |

## Paragraph 2

- |                |   |
|----------------|---|
| 8. possible    | h. A sum of money used as a penalty by a court of law.  |
| 9. proposed    | i. The gas or radiation that comes out of something.  |
| 10. politician | j. A thing that represents or stands for something else.  |
| 11. fine       | k. A person who is professionally involved in politics, especially as a holder of or a candidate for an elected office. |
| 12. practical  | l. An idea, plan, or method that is likely to succeed or be effective.  |
| 13. symbol     | m. Able to be done.   |
| 14. emissions  | n. Put forward an idea or plan for thinking about or discussion by others.  |

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1901/190125-autobahn-speed-limit.html>

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

- a. Germany's autobahn network is over 13,000 kilometers long. **T / F**
- b. There are some speed limits on parts of the autobahn. **T / F**
- c. Authorities advise drivers should not drive faster than 130kph. **T / F**
- d. Germany has met all EU fuel emission targets. **T / F**
- e. Most drivers in Germany are happy with an autobahn speed limit. **T / F**
- f. Some politicians said an autobahn speed limit would never become law. **T / F**
- g. A newspaper said there weren't enough speed limits on German roads. **T / F**
- h. Germany could get a big fine for not cutting greenhouse gas emissions. **T / F**

**2. SYNONYM MATCH:** (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- 1. **network**
- 2. **spots**
- 3. **repairs**
- 4. **targets**
- 5. **damage**
- 6. **possible**
- 7. **normal**
- 8. **practical**
- 9. **freedom**
- 10. **reduce**

- a. workable
- b. goals
- c. potential
- d. system
- e. cut
- f. fixing
- g. independence
- h. harm
- i. usual
- j. places

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

- 1. its world famous autobahn network
  - 2. There is no speed limit on it for
  - 3. spots that are accident-
  - 4. roads that are under construction or
  - 5. Germany has to meet fuel
  - 6. even though that is normal in
  - 7. the proposed speed limit will
  - 8. One of Germany's best-
  - 9. Our autobahn roads are a
  - 10. reduce its greenhouse
- a. symbol of freedom
  - b. undergoing repairs
  - c. never get passed
  - d. prone
  - e. gas emissions
  - f. of highways
  - g. selling newspapers
  - h. emission targets
  - i. other EU countries
  - j. many types of vehicles

# GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1901/190125-autobahn-speed-limit.html>

Germany may put a speed limit on its world (1) \_\_\_\_\_ autobahn network of highways. The autobahn has a total (2) \_\_\_\_\_ of about 12,996 kilometers. There is no speed limit on it for many (3) \_\_\_\_\_ of vehicles. However, there are limits in some built-up areas, spots that are accident- (4) \_\_\_\_\_, or roads that are under construction or undergoing repairs. On the parts of the network on which there is no limit, there is an (5) \_\_\_\_\_ speed limit of 130 kilometers per hour (80 mph). Germany's (6) \_\_\_\_\_ may now put a speed limit on all parts of the autobahn. This is because Germany has to (7) \_\_\_\_\_ fuel emission targets set by the European Union. It wants to reduce the damage (8) \_\_\_\_\_ to the environment by cars that drive fast.

*prone*  
*government*  
*famous*  
*done*  
*types*  
*length*  
*meet*  
*advisory*

Many drivers in Germany are unhappy with a (9) \_\_\_\_\_ speed limit on the autobahn. They do not want the 130kph limit, even though that is (10) \_\_\_\_\_ in other EU countries. Some politicians say the proposed speed limit will never get (11) \_\_\_\_\_ in Germany's government. One (12) \_\_\_\_\_, Ulrich Lange, said: "I don't think the suggestion of a speed limit is (13) \_\_\_\_\_." One of Germany's best-selling newspapers Bild Zeitung disagreed with the speed limit. It wrote: "Our autobahn roads are a (14) \_\_\_\_\_ of freedom. 'Tested on German autobahn' is a (15) \_\_\_\_\_ seal. There are enough speed limits." Germany could face big EU (16) \_\_\_\_\_ if it does not reduce its greenhouse gas emissions.

*passed*  
*practical*  
*possible*  
*quality*  
*politician*  
*fines*  
*normal*  
*symbol*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1901/190125-autobahn-speed-limit.html>

- 1) Germany may put a speed limit on its world famous autobahn \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. nest work of highways
  - b. next work of highways
  - c. net work of highways
  - d. network of highways
- 2) However, there are limits in some built-up areas, spots that are \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. accident-prove
  - b. accident-prone
  - c. accident-drone
  - d. accident-prune
- 3) On the parts of the network on which there is no limit, there is an \_\_\_\_\_ limit
  - a. advise airy speed
  - b. advisory speed
  - c. advised a real speed
  - d. advise a real speed
- 4) This is because Germany has to meet fuel emission \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. targets set
  - b. targets sweat
  - c. targets spelt
  - d. targets seat
- 5) It wants to reduce the damage done to the environment by cars \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. what drove fast
  - b. that drove fast
  - c. what drive fast
  - d. that drive fast
- 6) They do not want the 130kph limit, even though \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. that is normally
  - b. that is norm all
  - c. that is normal
  - d. that is norm mall
- 7) I don't think the suggestion of a speed \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. limit this practical
  - b. limits is practical
  - c. limit is practically
  - d. limit is practical
- 8) It wrote: "Our autobahn roads are a \_\_\_\_\_."
  - a. symbolic of freedom
  - b. symbol of freedom
  - c. symbol off freedom
  - d. symbols of freedom
- 9) 'Tested on German autobahn' is a \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. qualify seal
  - b. quality seals
  - c. quality seal
  - d. qualify sealed
- 10) Germany could face big EU fines if it does not reduce its greenhouse \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. gasses emissions
  - b. gas emissions
  - c. gust emissions
  - d. grass emissions

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1901/190125-autobahn-speed-limit.html>

Germany may put a speed limit (1) \_\_\_\_\_ famous autobahn network of highways. The autobahn has (2) \_\_\_\_\_ of about 12,996 kilometers. There is no speed limit on it for many types of vehicles. However, there are (3) \_\_\_\_\_ built-up areas, spots that are accident-prone, or roads (4) \_\_\_\_\_ construction or undergoing repairs. On the parts of the network on which there is no limit, there is an advisory speed limit of 130 kilometers per hour (80 mph). Germany's government may now put a speed limit (5) \_\_\_\_\_ of the autobahn. This is because Germany has to meet fuel emission targets set by the European Union. It wants to (6) \_\_\_\_\_ done to the environment by cars that drive fast.

Many drivers in Germany are unhappy (7) \_\_\_\_\_ speed limit on the autobahn. They do not want the 130kph limit, even though that is (8) \_\_\_\_\_ EU countries. Some politicians say the proposed speed limit will never (9) \_\_\_\_\_ Germany's government. One politician, Ulrich Lange, said: "I don't think (10) \_\_\_\_\_ a speed limit is practical." One of Germany's best-selling newspapers Bild Zeitung disagreed with the speed limit. It wrote: "Our autobahn roads (11) \_\_\_\_\_ of freedom. 'Tested on German autobahn' is a quality seal. There are enough speed limits." Germany could face big EU fines if it does (12) \_\_\_\_\_ greenhouse gas emissions.



# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1901/190125-autobahn-speed-limit.html>

1. How long is the autobahn in total?
2. In what kind of areas are there speed limits on the autobahn?
3. What is the advisory speed in kph on the autobahn?
4. Who set the emission targets that Germany has to meet?
5. What does Germany want to reduce damaging?
6. How do many drivers feel about a possible speed limit?
7. What do some politicians say about the proposed speed limit?
8. What did Ulrich Lange say about the speed limit?
9. What did a newspaper say autobahns were a symbol of?
10. What might Germany get if it doesn't reduce greenhouse gas emissions?

# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1901/190125-autobahn-speed-limit.html>

- 1) How long is the autobahn in total?
  - a) 12,966 kilometers
  - b) 12,696 kilometers
  - c) 12,999 kilometers
  - d) 12,996 kilometers
- 2) In what kind of areas are there speed limits on the autobahn?
  - a) congested areas
  - b) built-up areas
  - c) curves
  - d) tunnels
- 3) What is the advisory speed in kph on the autobahn?
  - a) 150kph
  - b) 120kph
  - c) 140kph
  - d) 130kph
- 4) Who set the emission targets that Germany has to meet?
  - a) the WWF
  - b) the WTO
  - c) the EU
  - d) the IMF
- 5) What does Germany want to reduce damaging?
  - a) driver confidence
  - b) the economy
  - c) roads
  - d) the environment
- 6) How do many drivers feel about a possible speed limit?
  - a) angry
  - b) satisfied
  - c) unhappy
  - d) please
- 7) What do some politicians say about the proposed speed limit?
  - a) it will never get passed
  - b) it's necessary
  - c) they want to talk more
  - d) a lot
- 8) What did Ulrich Lange say about the speed limit?
  - a) it will create accidents
  - b) it's too high
  - c) it's impractical
  - d) it's too low
- 9) What did a newspaper say autobahns were a symbol of?
  - a) Germany
  - b) freedom
  - c) speed
  - d) excitement
- 10) What might Germany get if it doesn't reduce greenhouse gas emissions?
  - a) a big fine
  - b) hurt
  - c) more cars
  - d) polluted

# ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1901/190125-autobahn-speed-limit.html>

## **Role A – The Autobahn**

You think the autobahn is the best German thing. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): Black Forest gateau, Adidas or Grimm's Fairy Tales.

## **Role B – Black Forest Gateau**

You think Black Forest gateau is the best German thing. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): the autobahn, Adidas or Grimm's Fairy Tales.

## **Role C – Adidas**

You think Adidas is the best German thing. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): Black Forest gateau, the autobahn or Grimm's Fairy Tales.

## **Role D – Grimm's Fairy Tales**

You think Grimm's Fairy Tales are the best German thing. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least interesting of these (and why): Black Forest gateau, Adidas or the autobahn.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1901/190125-autobahn-speed-limit.html>

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

speed	limit

- 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"><li>• famous</li><li>• types</li><li>• spots</li><li>• which</li><li>• because</li><li>• reduce</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• unhappy</li><li>• though</li><li>• suggestion</li><li>• disagreed</li><li>• seal</li><li>• fines</li></ul>
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# SPEED LIMITS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1901/190125-autobahn-speed-limit.html>

Write five GOOD questions about speed limits 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.

# SPEED LIMITS DISCUSSION

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

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'speed'?
3. What do you know about the autobahn?
4. What are the roads like in your country?
5. Why do people like driving fast?
6. What speed limits should there be on our roads?
7. How safe are roads in your country?
8. Is 130kph too fast or too slow?
9. What is your country doing to cut greenhouse gases?
10. What do you think of driving?

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# SPEED LIMITS DISCUSSION

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

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'limit'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What are the benefits of not having a speed limit?
15. Are there any bad things about speed limits?
16. Are autobahns a "symbol of freedom"?
17. What other German things are high quality?
18. What is your favourite road, and why?
19. How much should countries get fined for greenhouse gases?
20. What questions would you like to ask the autobahn boss?

## 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

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1901/190125-autobahn-speed-limit.html>

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

- |     |               |               |               |              |
|-----|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| 1.  | (a) totality  | (b) total     | (c) totals    | (d) totally  |
| 2.  | (a) up        | (b) on        | (c) at        | (d) of       |
| 3.  | (a) butter-up | (b) belt up   | (c) brush up  | (d) built-up |
| 4.  | (a) over      | (b) under     | (c) around    | (d) through  |
| 5.  | (a) advice    | (b) advisory  | (c) advises   | (d) advised  |
| 6.  | (a) let       | (b) bet       | (c) set       | (d) met      |
| 7.  | (a) for       | (b) on        | (c) with      | (d) as       |
| 8.  | (a) normally  | (b) normalize | (c) normal    | (d) norm     |
| 9.  | (a) pursed    | (b) past      | (c) parsed    | (d) passed   |
| 10. | (a) sold      | (b) sells     | (c) sell      | (d) selling  |
| 11. | (a) symbol    | (b) cymbal    | (c) symbolism | (d) sandal   |
| 12. | (a) their     | (b) that      | (c) its       | (d) these    |



# SPELLING

## Paragraph 1

1. its world famous autobahn rwntkoe of highways
2. a total gnlhte of about 12,996 kilometers
3. spots that are niadccet-prone
4. undergoing srperai
5. there is an ryvdsaoi speed limit
6. It wants to reduce the aemdga

## Paragraph 2

7. that is nrolma in other EU countries
8. the seopodrp speed limit
9. the nssgeuigot of a speed limit
10. a bmylos of freedom
11. a uiyaltq seal
12. greenhouse gas snsmesiio

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1901/190125-autobahn-speed-limit.html>

**Number these lines in the correct order.**

- ( ) want the 130kph limit, even though that is normal in other EU countries. Some politicians say the proposed speed limit will never
- ( ) Many drivers in Germany are unhappy with a possible speed limit on the autobahn. They do not
- ( ) there is no limit, there is an advisory speed limit of 130 kilometers per hour (80 mph). Germany's government may now put
- ( ) prone, or roads that are under construction or undergoing repairs. On the parts of the network on which
- ( ) highways. The autobahn has a total length of about 12,996 kilometers. There is no speed
- ( ) symbol of freedom. 'Tested on German autobahn' is a quality seal. There are
- ( ) limit on it for many types of vehicles. However, there are limits in some built-up areas, spots that are accident-
- ( ) of a speed limit is practical." One of Germany's best-selling newspapers Bild Zeitung disagreed
- ( **1** ) Germany may put a speed limit on its world famous autobahn network of
- ( ) a speed limit on all parts of the autobahn. This is because Germany has to meet fuel emission targets set
- ( ) with the speed limit. It wrote: "Our autobahn roads are a
- ( ) by the European Union. It wants to reduce the damage done to the environment by cars that drive fast.
- ( ) enough speed limits." Germany could face big EU fines if it does not reduce its greenhouse gas emissions.
- ( ) get passed in Germany's government. One politician, Ulrich Lange, said: "I don't think the suggestion

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1901/190125-autobahn-speed-limit.html>

1. world limit famous on A its autobahn . speed
2. in built-up areas . are some limits There
3. 130kph . is There speed an of limit advisory
4. fuel Germany has meet to targets . emission
5. reduce the damage wants to done . It
6. do not 130kph the want They limit .
7. get The never passed . proposed will limit speed
8. suggestion is practical . of a limit The speed
9. of a roads freedom . symbol Our are autobahn
10. It its greenhouse gas not does emissions . reduce

# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1901/190125-autobahn-speed-limit.html>

Germany may put a speed limit on its *world / worldly* famous autobahn network of highways. The autobahn has a total *long / length* of about 12,996 kilometers. There is no speed limit *on / in* it for many types of vehicles. However, there are *limits / limit* in some built-up areas, spots that are accident-prone, or roads that are *under / over* construction or undergoing repairs. On the parts of the network on *what / which* there is no limit, there is an *advisory / advises* speed limit of 130 kilometers per hour (80 mph). Germany's government may now put a speed limit on all parts of the autobahn. This is *because / although* Germany has to meet fuel emission targets *set / let* by the European Union. It wants to reduce the damage *did / done* to the environment by cars that drive fast.

Many drivers in Germany are unhappy with a *possibly / possible* speed limit on the autobahn. They do not want the 130kph limit, even *throughout / though* that is normal in other EU countries. Some *politicians / politics* say the proposed speed limit will never *get / got* passed in Germany's government. One politician, Ulrich Lange, said: "I don't think the *suggestion / suggest* of a speed limit is practical." One of Germany's best-selling newspapers Bild Zeitung *disagreed / disagree* with the speed limit. It wrote: "Our autobahn roads are a *cymbal / symbol* of freedom. 'Tested on German autobahn' is a quality *peal / seal*. There are enough speed limits." Germany could face big EU *fined / fines* if it does not reduce *that / its* greenhouse gas emissions.

**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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# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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many drivers in germany are unhappy with a possible speed limit on the autobahn they do not want the 130kph limit even though that is normal in other eu countries some politicians say the proposed speed limit will never get passed in germanys government one politician ulrich lange said i dont think the suggestion of a speed limit is practical one of germanys bestselling newspapers bild zeitung disagreed with the speed limit it wrote our autobahn roads are a symbol of freedom tested on german autobahn is a quality seal there are enough speed limits germany could face big eu fines if it does not reduce its greenhouse gas emissions.

# 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 this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. SPEED LIMITS:** Make a poster about speed limits. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. AUTOBAHN:** Write a magazine article about speed limits on the autobahn and other roads. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

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 speed limits. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your opinions on speed limits. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. b    2. f    3. c    4. a    5. g    6. d    7. e  
8. m    9. n    10. k    11. h    12. l    13. j    14. i

## TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

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

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

- |              |                 |
|--------------|-----------------|
| 1. network   | a. system       |
| 2. spots     | b. places       |
| 3. repairs   | c. fixing       |
| 4. targets   | d. goals        |
| 5. damage    | e. harm         |
| 6. possible  | f. potential    |
| 7. normal    | g. usual        |
| 8. practical | h. workable     |
| 9. freedom   | i. independence |
| 10. reduce   | j. cut          |

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

- 12,996 kilometers
- Built-up areas
- 130kph
- The European Union
- The environment
- Unhappy
- It won't get passed in parliament
- It was impractical
- Freedom
- Big fines

## WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

- A speed limit on its world famous autobahn.
- There are limits in some built-up areas.
- There is an advisory speed limit of 130kph.
- Germany has to meet fuel emission targets.
- It wants to reduce the damage done.
- They do not want the 130kph limit.
- The proposed speed limit will never get passed.
- The suggestion of a speed limit is practical.
- Our autobahn roads are a symbol of freedom.
- It does not reduce its greenhouse gas emissions.

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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