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Level 2 16-year-old joins F1 team as race driver

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THE READING

From http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1408/140821-formula-1-2.html

In most countries you have to be 18 years old to be able to drive a car. Not for 16-year old Max Verstappen. He has just signed to drive for a Formula 1 racing team. He will be the youngest ever F1 driver when he races for the Toro Rosso team. He will be 17 when he takes part in his first Grand Prix, against drivers like Fernando Alonso and Sebastian Vettel. The current record for the youngest F1 driver is 19 years. Verstappen's debut will be at the Australian Grand Prix. He said: "Ever since I was seven years old, Formula 1 has been my career goal, so this...is truly a dream come true."

The racing team boss Franz Tost was very excited about Max joining his team. He said: "We are happy to welcome Max....We consider [him] to be one of the most skilled young drivers of believe he the the new generation and we has necessary...mental strength to take on this challenge successfully." He said the team must give Max a competitive car, so he will have, "the best possible start to his Formula 1 career". Max's father was an F1 driver. He thanked his father and said he owed a lot of his success to him for always being there, "day and night, year after year".

Sources: http://www.**autosport**.com/news/report.php/id/115435 http://www.**sportinglife**.com/formula1/news/article/669/9429101/toro-rosso-sign-teenager http://www1.**skysports**.com/f1/news/12471/9428944/max-verstappen-will-replace-jean-ericvergne-at-toro-rosso-in-2015

MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

1.	In most countries you have to
2	He will be the youngest
3.	He will be 17 when
4.	The current record for the
5.	Verstappen's
6.	the Australian
7.	Ever since
8.	a dream

PARAGRAPH TWO:

a dream

1.	The racing	a.	strength
2	We are happy to	b.	car
3.	the most skilled young drivers of	c.	year after year
4.	mental	d.	the new generation
5.	a competitive	e.	success to him
6.	the best possible start	f.	team boss
7.	he owed a lot of his	g.	to his Formula 1 career
8.	day and night,	h.	welcome Max

- I was seven years old a.
- youngest F1 driver b.
- come true c.
- d. debut
- e. be 18 years old
- f. ever F1 driver
- g. he takes part
- Grand Prix h.

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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In most countries you have to be 18 years (1) ______ to drive a car. Not for 16-year old Max Verstappen. He has (2) ______ drive for a Formula 1 racing team. He will be (3) F1 driver when he races for the Toro Rosso team. He will be 17 when he takes part in his first Grand Prix, (4) Fernando Alonso and Sebastian Vettel. The current record for the 19 vears. Verstappen's youngest F1 driver is (5) the Australian Grand Prix. He said: "Ever since I was seven years old, Formula 1 has been my career goal, so this...is (6) ______ true."

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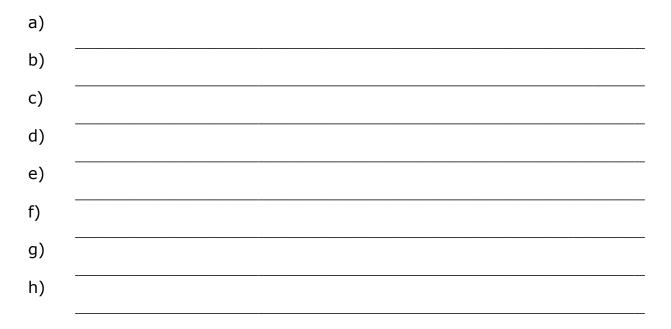
PUT A SLASH (/)WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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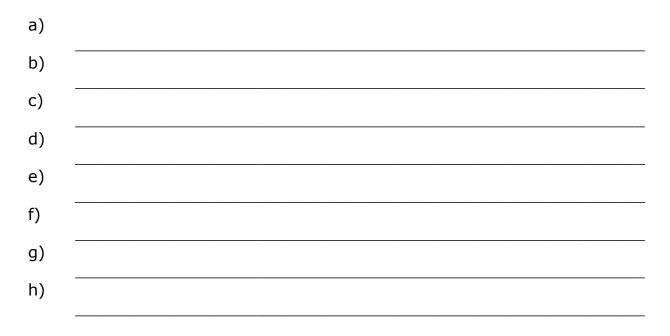
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Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).



WRITING

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Write about **Formula 1** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.