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BBC Top Gear star 'punches' producer

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THE READING

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The BBC suspended one of its big stars, Jeremy Clarkson. People say he hit a producer. Mr Clarkson, 54, presents the popular Top Gear show. He argued with the producer because there was no food after filming one of the shows. The BBC suspended Clarkson and said they would not show the next two programmes. Clarkson is very popular worldwide. Over 400,000 people signed an online petition. They want the BBC to keep Clarkson on the show.

A Top Gear co-presenter said this news is not so serious. He said it was just a small fight. Mr Clarkson joked with reporters from his car. They asked him where he was going. He said, "the job centre". Clarkson retweeted a message to his 4.5 million Twitter followers. It asked the BBC to show the next Top Gear shows. It said fans should see them. More than 350 million people in 200 countries watch the show. Clarkson made people angry before over racist comments.

Sources: <http://www.bbc.com/news/entertainment-arts-31832698>
<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/celebritynews/11464430/Jeremy-Clarkson-suspended-after-punching-Top-Gear-producer-in-row-over-catering.html>

VOCABULARY MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

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|----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. The BBC suspended one | a. of the shows |
| 2. Mr Clarkson, 54, presents the | b. an online petition |
| 3. He argued with | c. popular Top Gear show |
| 4. after filming one | d. of its big stars |
| 5. show the next two | e. worldwide |
| 6. Clarkson is very popular | f. Clarkson on the show |
| 7. 400,000 people signed | g. the producer |
| 8. They want the BBC to keep | h. programmes |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

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|---|----------------------|
| 1. A Top Gear co- | a. shows |
| 2. He said it was just | b. watch the show |
| 3. Clarkson joked with reporters | c. a small fight |
| 4. a message to his 4.5 million | d. comments |
| 5. It asked the BBC to show the next Top Gear | e. angry before |
| 6. people in 200 countries | f. from his car |
| 7. Clarkson made people | g. Twitter followers |
| 8. racist | h. presenter |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The BBC suspended (1) _____ stars, Jeremy Clarkson. People (2) _____ producer. Mr Clarkson, 54, (3) _____ Top Gear show. He argued with the producer because there was no food after filming (4) _____. The BBC suspended Clarkson and said they would not (5) _____ two programmes. Clarkson is very (6) _____. Over 400,000 people signed an online petition. They want the BBC to keep Clarkson on the show.

A Top Gear co-presenter said this news (7) _____. He said it was (8) _____. Mr Clarkson joked with reporters from his car. They asked him (9) _____. He said, "the job centre". Clarkson retweeted a (10) _____ 4.5 million Twitter followers. It asked the BBC to show the next Top Gear shows. It said fans (11) _____. More than 350 million people in 200 countries watch the show. Clarkson made people angry (12) _____ comments.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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ttwoprogrammes.Clarksonisverypopularworldwide.Over400,000pe
oplesignedanonlinepetition.TheywanttheBBCTokeepClarksononthe
show.ATopGearco-presentersaidthisnewsisnotsoserious.Hesaiditw
asjustasmallfight.MrClarksonjokedwithreportersfromhiscar.Theyas
kedhimwherehewasgoing.Hesaid,"thejobcentre".Clarksonretweete
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npeoplein200countrieswatchtheshow.Clarksonmadepeopleangryb
eforeoverracistcomments.

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)

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