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Level 6

Record airbag recall

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THE ARTICLE

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1505/150522-airbag-recall.html>

Authorities in the USA are recalling a record 34 million cars because of safety concerns over the airbags fitted in them. The manufacturer of the airbags has admitted that mechanisms inside the bags are defective and thus need to be repaired or replaced. A spokesman from the company Takata said that the airbags open too quickly on impact, which can cause broken glass or shards of metal to be propelled into the face of the driver or passenger. The bags are fitted into 11 different models of car and the recall constitutes the biggest in US history. It follows a string of other recalls, from Japanese manufacturers Toyota and Honda. The faulty airbags have been linked to six deaths and more than 100 injuries.

The US Department for Transportation welcomed the airbag recall. A spokesman said: "Today is a major step forward for public safety. The department...is taking the proactive steps necessary to ensure that defective inflators are replaced with safe ones as quickly as possible, and that the highest risks are addressed first." Meanwhile, Takata's CEO Shigehisa Takada said: "We are pleased to have reached this agreement...which represents a clear path forward." The company will obviously take a huge financial hit. The recall will cost the company and its customers up to \$5 billion. Despite this, Mr Takada said he expects the company will still be able to make a profit this year.

Sources: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/05/19/us-autos-takata-recall-idUSKBN00428E20150519>
http://www.nytimes.com/2015/05/20/business/takata-airbag-recall.html?_r=0
<http://www.bbc.com/news/business-32806056>

WARM-UPS

1. CARS: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about cars. 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?

authorities / safety concerns / manufacturer / mechanisms / impact / passenger / major / step forward / public safety / risks / agreement / financial hit / customers

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

3. CAR SAFETY: How could cars be made safer? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

Feature	How?	Good idea	Bad idea	Why?
Airbags				
Tyres				
Seat belts				
Crash helmets				
Brakes				
GPS				

4. AIRBAGS: Students A **strongly** believe airbags should be in all cars, buses, trains and airplanes; Students B **strongly** believe this is a stupid idea. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

5. TRANSPORT: Rank these with your partner. Put the safest at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- bicycle
- car
- ship
- train
- taxi
- motorbike
- bus
- helicopter

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

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1505/150522-airbag-recall.html>

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

- | | |
|---|-------|
| a. Japan has recalled a record 34 million cars over safety concerns. | T / F |
| b. The airbag maker has denied that anything was wrong with its airbags. | T / F |
| c. There are eleven different models of car affected by the recall. | T / F |
| d. Sixty deaths have been attributed to the airbags. | T / F |
| e. The US Department of Transportation is happy with the recall. | T / F |
| f. The CEO of the airbag company said he was pleased. | T / F |
| g. The recall will cost the airbag company and its customers up to \$5bn. | T / F |
| h. The airbag company will not be able to make any profit this year. | T / F |

2. SYNONYM MATCH: Match the following synonyms from the article.

- | | |
|--------------|----------------|
| 1. concerns | a. broken |
| 2. admitted | b. greeted |
| 3. defective | c. connected |
| 4. propelled | d. course |
| 5. linked | e. worries |
| 6. welcomed | f. anticipates |
| 7. major | g. launched |
| 8. replaced | h. confessed |
| 9. path | i. exchanged |
| 10. expects | j. important |

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

- | | |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. safety | a. or passenger |
| 2. mechanisms inside the bags | b. path forward |
| 3. the driver | c. of other recalls |
| 4. It follows a string | d. step forward |
| 5. linked to six deaths and | e. concerns |
| 6. a major | f. addressed first |
| 7. taking the proactive | g. more than 100 injuries |
| 8. the highest risks are | h. profit |
| 9. a clear | i. are defective |
| 10. make a | j. steps necessary |

GAP FILL

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1505/150522-airbag-recall.html>

Authorities in the USA are recalling a (1) _____ 34 million cars because of safety (2) _____ over the airbags fitted in them. The manufacturer of the airbags has admitted that mechanisms inside the bags are (3) _____ and thus need to be repaired or replaced. A spokesman from the company Takata said that the airbags open too quickly on impact, which can cause broken glass or (4) _____ of metal to be propelled into the face of the driver or (5) _____. The bags are fitted into 11 different models of car and the recall constitutes the biggest in US (6) _____. It follows a (7) _____ of other recalls, from Japanese manufacturers Toyota and Honda. The faulty airbags have been (8) _____ to six deaths and more than 100 injuries.

passenger
concerns
string
record
shards
linked
defective
history

The US Department for Transportation (9) _____ the airbag recall. A spokesman said: "Today is a (10) _____ step forward for public safety. The department...is taking the proactive steps necessary to (11) _____ that defective inflators are replaced with safe ones as quickly as possible, and that the highest (12) _____ are addressed first." Meanwhile, Takata's CEO Shigehisa Takada said: "We are pleased to have (13) _____ this agreement...which represents a clear path (14) _____." The company will obviously take a huge financial (15) _____. The recall will cost the company and its customers up to \$5 billion. Despite this, Mr Takada said he expects the company will still be able to make a (16) _____ this year.

major
risks
forward
profit
welcomed
hit
ensure
reached

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) Authorities in the USA are recalling a record 34 million cars _____ concerns
 - a. because of safely
 - b. because of safety
 - c. because of safe tea
 - d. because of safe tee
- 2) The manufacturer of the airbags has admitted that mechanisms inside the _____
 - a. bags are reflective
 - b. bags are invective
 - c. bags are convective
 - d. bags are defective
- 3) the company Takata said that the airbags open too _____
 - a. quickly on compact
 - b. quickly on in packed
 - c. quickly on impact
 - d. quickly on repacked
- 4) ...which can cause broken glass or shards of metal to be propelled _____ the driver
 - a. into the skull of
 - b. into the head of
 - c. into the visage of
 - d. into the face of
- 5) It follows _____ recalls, from Japanese manufacturers
 - a. a thread of other
 - b. a rope of other
 - c. a sling of other
 - d. a string of other
- 6) The US Department for Transportation welcomed _____
 - a. the airbags recall
 - b. the airbag recall
 - c. the airbag's recall
 - d. the airbags' recall
- 7) A spokesman said: "Today is a major step forward _____."
 - a. for public safety
 - b. for private safety
 - c. for publicity safety
 - d. for publicly safety
- 8) taking the proactive steps necessary to ensure that defective _____
 - a. inflators are replaces
 - b. inflators are replace
 - c. inflators are replaced
 - d. inflators are replacing
- 9) We are pleased to have reached this agreement...which represents _____
 - a. a cleared path forward
 - b. a clear path forward
 - c. a clears path forward
 - d. a clearly path forward
- 10) he expects the company will still be able to _____ year
 - a. do a profit this
 - b. have a profit this
 - c. fake a profit this
 - d. make a profit this

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1505/150522-airbag-recall.html>

1. How many cars are being recalled?

2. Who admitted the airbags were defective?

3. What did the manufacturer say happens too quickly on impact?

4. How many different models of car are affected?

5. How many injuries have the airbags caused?

6. Which US government department welcomed the recall?

7. How quickly are the airbags being replaced?

8. What does the recall represent?

9. How much will the recall cost the company and its customers?

10. What will the company still be able to make this year?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1505/150522-airbag-recall.html>

1. How many cars are being recalled?
 - a) 3.4 million
 - b) 34 million
 - c) 34,000
 - d) 340,000
2. Who admitted the airbags were defective?
 - a) passengers
 - b) car drivers
 - c) a US government department
 - d) the airbag company
3. What did the manufacturer say happens too quickly on impact?
 - a) the bags open
 - b) accidents
 - c) malfunctions
 - d) nothing
4. How many different models of car are affected?
 - a) 10
 - b) 11
 - c) 12
 - d) 13
5. How many injuries have the airbags caused?
 - a) just under 100
 - b) more than 100
 - c) exactly 100
 - d) around 100
6. Which US government department welcomed the recall?
 - a) Transportation
 - b) Automobiles
 - c) Public Safety
 - d) Food and Fisheries
7. How quickly are the airbags being replaced?
 - a) once the spare parts arrive
 - b) whenever
 - c) as quickly as possible
 - d) they're still deciding
8. What does the recall represent?
 - a) a clear path forward
 - b) common sense
 - c) a huge financial loss
 - d) a victory for passengers
9. How much will the recall cost the company and its customers?
 - a) up to \$5 bn
 - b) nearly \$5,000,000
 - c) as much as \$50,000,000
 - d) nearly half a billion dollars
10. What will the company still be able to make this year?
 - a) new airbags
 - b) a mess
 - c) inroads
 - d) a profit

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Bicycle

You think a bicycle is the safest form of transport. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't so safe. Also, tell the others which is the most dangerous of these (and why): car, train or bus.

Role B – Car

You think a car is the safest form of transport. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't so safe. Also, tell the others which is the most dangerous of these (and why): bicycle, train or bus.

Role C – Train

You think a train is the safest form of transport. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't so safe. Also, tell the others which is the most dangerous of these (and why): car, bicycle or bus.

Role D – Bus

You think a bus is the safest form of transport. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't so safe. Also, tell the others which is the most dangerous of these (and why): car, train or bicycle.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1505/150522-airbag-recall.html>

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

air	bag
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- 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">• record• inside• quickly• face• history• 100	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• welcomed• major• safe• CEO• path• 5
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AIRBAGS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about airbags 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.

AIRBAGS DISCUSSION

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

- 1) What did you think when you read the headline?
- 2) What springs to mind when you hear the word 'airbag'?
- 3) What do you know about airbags?
- 4) How good an invention are airbags?
- 5) What do you think of the safety recall?
- 6) Do you feel comforted if there are airbags in a car?
- 7) What other safety features would you like to see in cars?
- 8) How much damage do you think this recall will cause the maker?
- 9) What do you think of Toyota and Honda?
- 10) What compensation should the air bag company pay people?

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AIRBAGS DISCUSSION

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

- 11) Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- 12) How dangerous are cars?
- 13) How do airbags work?
- 14) How are safety regulations in your country?
- 15) Do you ever worry about safety in cars?
- 16) In what other areas of life should there be airbags?
- 17) How safe are cars and driving in them?
- 18) If you bought a new car, would you ask questions about airbags?
- 19) What risks and dangers are there in your daily life?
- 20) What questions would you like to ask Takata's CEO?

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

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

- | | | | | |
|-----|---------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1. | (a) recorded | (b) recording | (c) record | (d) records |
| 2. | (a) admitted | (b) admits | (c) admission | (d) admitting |
| 3. | (a) defective | (b) deflective | (c) dejected | (d) departed |
| 4. | (a) on | (b) to | (c) as | (d) by |
| 5. | (a) fitness | (b) fitted | (c) fits | (d) fitting |
| 6. | (a) thread | (b) rope | (c) tape | (d) string |
| 7. | (a) pleased | (b) greetings | (c) welcomed | (d) applaud |
| 8. | (a) to | (b) by | (c) of | (d) for |
| 9. | (a) addressed | (b) stamped | (c) enveloped | (d) mailed |
| 10. | (a) clarity | (b) clear | (c) clearly | (d) clears |
| 11. | (a) smack | (b) hit | (c) punch | (d) tap |
| 12. | (a) fake | (b) bake | (c) make | (d) rake |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. tasrtoiehui in the USA
2. fseaty concerns
3. ecahssmimn inside the bags
4. the driver or enpseasgr
5. Japanese cteruaunfmasr
6. six deaths and more than 100 sjrieiun

Paragraph 2

7. a major step wdfraor
8. taking the proactive steps ecreanyss
9. the highest risks are esrdaedds first
10. reached this nmtreegea
11. rprsseteen a clear path forward
12. take a huge aicnfnlia hit

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

()	defective and thus need to be repaired or replaced. A spokesman from the company Takata said that the airbags open
()	step forward for public safety. The department...is taking the proactive steps necessary to ensure
()	reached this agreement...which represents a clear path forward." The company will obviously take a huge
()	in them. The manufacturer of the airbags has admitted that mechanisms inside the bags are
()	financial hit. The recall will cost the company and its customers up
()	The US Department for Transportation welcomed the airbag recall. A spokesman said: "Today is a major
()	and Honda. The faulty airbags have been linked to six deaths and more than 100 injuries.
()	to \$5 billion. Despite this, Mr Takada said he expects the company will still be able to make a profit this year.
()	or passenger. The bags are fitted into 11 different models of car and the recall constitutes the biggest in US
()	history. It follows a string of other recalls, from Japanese manufacturers Toyota
()	too quickly on impact, which can cause broken glass or shards of metal to be propelled into the face of the driver
(1)	Authorities in the USA are recalling a record 34 million cars because of safety concerns over the airbags fitted
()	risks are addressed first." Meanwhile, Takata's CEO Shigehisa Takada said: "We are pleased to have
()	that defective inflators are replaced with safe ones as quickly as possible, and that the highest

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. cars million 34 record a recalling are USA the in Authorities .

2. open too quickly on impact Takata said that the airbags .

3. of into to Shards the the be of driver face propelled metal .

4. 11 different models of car The bags are fitted into .

5. faulty been six The have to airbags linked deaths .

6. safety is step public Today major for a forward .

7. safe replaced Ensure ones inflators that with are defective .

8. reached are this pleased agreement to have We .

9. hit company take financial The obviously huge will a .

10. He a able will expects profit to still the make be company .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1505/150522-airbag-recall.html>

Authorities in the USA are *recalling* / *recalled* a record 34 million cars because of safety concerns over the airbags *fit* / *fitted* in them. The manufacturer of the airbags has admitted that *mechanism* / *mechanisms* inside the bags are *reflective* / *defective* and thus need to be repaired or replaced. A spokesman from the company Takata said that the airbags open *too* / *much* quickly on impact, which can *cause* / *causation* broken glass or shards of metal to be propelled *into* / *onto* the face of the driver or passenger. The bags are fitted into 11 different *modes* / *models* of car and the recall constitutes the biggest in US history. It follows a *thread* / *string* of other recalls, from Japanese manufacturers Toyota and Honda. The faulty airbags have been linked to six deaths and more than 100 *injures* / *injuries*.

The US Department for Transportation *pleased* / *welcomed* the airbag recall. A spokesman said: "Today is a major *stair* / *step* forward for public safety. The department...is taking the *proactive* / *provocative* steps necessary to *ensure* / *insure* that defective inflators are replaced with safe ones as quickly as possible, and that the highest risks are *phoned* / *addressed* first." Meanwhile, Takata's CEO Shigehisa Takada said: "We are *pleasure* / *pleased* to have *reached* / *reach* this agreement...which represents a clear path forward." The company will obviously take a huge financial *smack* / *hit*. The recall will *cost* / *costing* the company and its customers up to \$5 billion. Despite this, Mr Takada said he expects the company will still be able to *rake* / *make* a profit this year.

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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m_ll__n c_rs b_c__s __f s_f_ty c_nc_rns __v_r th__
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st_p f_rw_rd f_r p_b_l_c s_f_ty. Th__ d_p_rtm_nt...s
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__ddr_ss_d f_rst." M__nwh_l__, T_k_t_'s C__ Sh_g_h_s__
T_k_d__s__d: "W__r pl__s_d t__ h_v__r__ch_d th_s
__gr__m_nt...wh_ch r_pr_s_nts __cl__r p_th f_rw_rd."
Th__ c_mp_ny w_ll __bv__sly t_k__ __h_g__f_n_nc__l
h_t. Th__ r_c_ll w_ll c_st th__ c_mp_ny __nd __ts
c_st_m_rs __p t__ \$5 b_ll__n. D_sp_t__ th_s, Mr T_k_d__
s__d h__ __xp_cts th__ c_mp_ny w_ll st_ll b__ __bl__t__
m_k__ __pr_f_t th_s y__r.

PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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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 airbags. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. AIRBAGS: Make a poster about airbags. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. CAR SAFETY: Write a magazine article about car safety. Include imaginary interviews with people who think cars are safe and with people who think they are dangerous.

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 cars. Ask him/her three questions about airbags. Give him/her three of your ideas on how to make cars safer. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

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

SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

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| 1. concerns | a. worries |
| 2. admitted | b. confessed |
| 3. defective | c. broken |
| 4. propelled | d. launched |
| 5. linked | e. connected |
| 6. welcomed | f. greeted |
| 7. major | g. important |
| 8. replaced | h. exchanged |
| 9. path | i. course |
| 10. expects | j. anticipates |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. 34 million
2. The airbag company Takata
3. The bags open too quickly
4. 11
5. Over 100
6. Transportation
7. As quickly as possible
8. A clear path forward
9. Up to \$5 billion
10. A profit

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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