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Level 5 Volkswagen to recall 11 million cars

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THE READING

From http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1510/151002-volkswagen-5.html

The German carmaker Volkswagen (VW) has said it will recall around 11 million cars because of the emissions tests scandal. The company is in big trouble. Some industry experts say the recall could cost the automaker more than \$6.5 billion. Last week, VW admitted cheating in emissions tests in the USA and Europe. It changed data to falsely show that VW cars were more fuel-efficient than they really are. VW is Europe's largest carmaker and employs over 750,000 people. It has lost more than a third of its market value and has damaged its image as being a leader in clean energy.

Bosses at VW could face criminal charges. A Volkswagen board member told the BBC that some staff acted criminally over emission tests. He said the people who let this happen, or who decided to install the cheating software, acted criminally. He said they must take responsibility. He added: "We only found out about the problems in the last board meeting, shortly before the media did. I want to be quite open, so we need to find out why the board wasn't informed earlier about the problems when they were known about over a year ago."

Sources: http://uk.**reuters**.com/article/2015/09/29/uk-volkswagen-emissions-planidUKKCN0RT0P820150929 http://www.**bbc**.com/news/business-34397426 http://www.**autocar**.co.uk/car-news/industry/vw-board-member-some-staff-were-warned-aboutcheat-year-ago

MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

1.	The German	a.	third of its market value
2	recall around 11 million cars	b.	more than \$6.5 billion
3.	The company is in big	c.	energy
4.	the recall could cost the automaker	d.	efficient
5.	fuel-	e.	carmaker Volkswagen
6.	employs	f.	because of the emissions
7.	It has lost more than a	g.	over 750,000 people
8.	a leader in clean	h.	trouble

PARAGRAPH TWO:

1.	Bosses at VW could face	a.	responsibility
2	A Volkswagen board	b.	criminally
3.	some staff acted	c.	open
4.	the people who let	d.	criminal charges
5.	He said they must take	e.	earlier
6.	in the last board	f.	member
7.	I want to be quite	g.	meeting
8.	the board wasn't informed	h.	this happen

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The German carmaker Volkswagen (VW) has (1) _______around 11 million cars because of the emissions tests scandal. The company is in big trouble. Some (2) _______ say the recall could cost the automaker more than \$6.5 billion. Last week, VW admitted cheating in emissions tests in the USA and Europe. It changed data (3) _______ that VW cars were more fuel-efficient than they really are. VW is Europe's largest carmaker (4) _______ for one (5) _______ its market value and has damaged its image as being a (6) _______ leader in clean energy.

Bosses at VW (7) ______ charges. A Volkswagen board member told the BBC that (8) ______ criminally over emission tests. He said the people who (9) ______, or who decided to install the cheating software, acted criminally. He said they must take responsibility. He added: "We only (10) ______ the problems in the last board meeting, shortly before the media did. I want to be quite open, so we need (11) ______ the board wasn't informed (12) ______ problems when they were known about over a year ago."

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VOLKSWAGEN SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about Volkswagen in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.

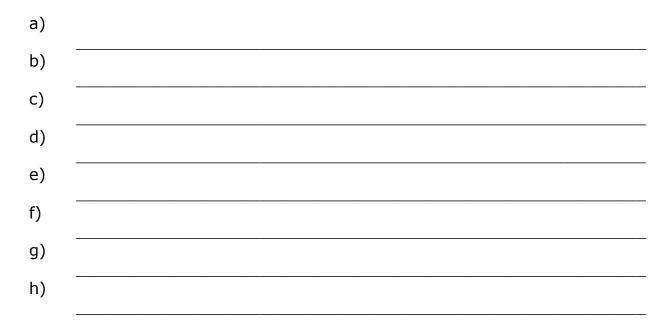
When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	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.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

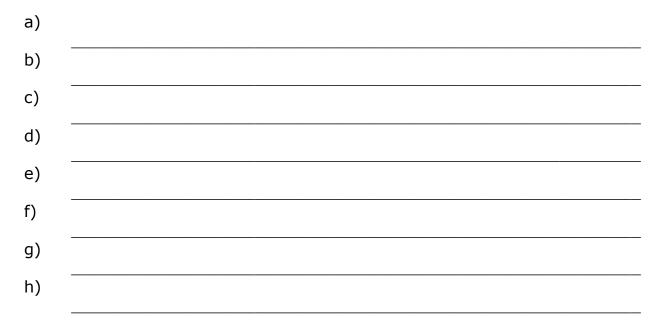
Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).



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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

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



FREE WRITING

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