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Level 1 – 25th January, 2019

Germany thinking about speed limit on autobahn

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1901/190125-autobahn-speed-limit-1.html>

Germany may put a speed limit on its autobahn highways. The autobahn is 12,996 kilometers long. There is no speed limit for many cars. Some areas like spots that have accidents or roads that are being repaired have a limit. On some parts, there is a suggested speed of 130kph. Germany may put this limit on all parts of the autobahn. It has to meet fuel emission targets set by the EU. It has to cut environmental damage caused by cars that drive fast.

Many drivers are unhappy with a speed limit. They do not want one, even if other countries have one. Politicians say a speed limit will never become law. One politician said a speed limit was not practical. A German newspaper disagreed with any 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 get fined if it does not cut greenhouse gases.

Sources: <https://www.dw.com/en/will-germany-use-autobahn-speed-limits-to-cut-carbon-emissions/a-47144296>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. The autobahn is 12,996 kilometers | a. of the autobahn |
| 2. There is no speed limit | b. repaired |
| 3. roads that are being | c. fast |
| 4. a suggested speed | d. for many cars |
| 5. on all parts | e. damage |
| 6. meet fuel emission | f. of 130kph |
| 7. environmental | g. targets |
| 8. cars that drive | h. long |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Many drivers are unhappy | a. of freedom |
| 2. They do not want | b. become law |
| 3. even if other countries | c. seal |
| 4. a speed limit will never | d. one |
| 5. A German newspaper | e. gases |
| 6. a symbol | f. have one |
| 7. a quality | g. disagreed |
| 8. cut greenhouse | h. with a speed limit |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1901/190125-autobahn-speed-limit-1.html>

Germany (1) _____ speed limit on its autobahn highways. The autobahn is 12,996 kilometers long. There is no speed (2) _____ cars. Some areas like spots that have accidents or roads that (3) _____ have a limit. On some parts, there (4) _____ speed of 130kph. Germany may put this limit (5) _____ of the autobahn. It has to meet fuel emission targets set by the EU. It has to cut environmental (6) _____ cars that drive fast.

Many drivers are (7) _____ speed limit. They do not want one, (8) _____ countries have one. Politicians say a speed limit will never become law. One politician said a speed limit (9) _____. A German newspaper disagreed with any speed limit. It wrote: "Our autobahn roads are a (10) _____. 'Tested on German autobahn' is (11) _____. There are enough speed limits." Germany could (12) _____ it does not cut greenhouse gases.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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SPEED LIMITS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1901/190125-autobahn-speed-limit-4.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.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

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

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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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) _____

