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Level 0

Lower speed limit for New York City

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THE READING

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Drivers in New York have to drive more slowly. There is a new speed limit of 40 kph. The city wants people to drive more carefully. It wants fewer accidents and deaths. The mayor wants to improve traffic safety to protect children and old people. Some people say the new limit will increase accidents.

Most countries have speed limits. The first speed limit was 16 kph. This was in the UK in 1861. The world's highest limit is 140 kph. Some roads have no speed limit, like Germany's Autobahns. The WHO said 1.24 million people die every year in traffic accidents. Speed limits could make this number smaller.

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VOCABULARY MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. drive more | a. people to drive |
| 2. a new speed | b. people |
| 3. The city wants | c. and deaths |
| 4. It wants fewer accidents | d. children |
| 5. The mayor wants to improve | e. slowly |
| 6. protect | f. increase accidents |
| 7. old | g. limit of 40 kph |
| 8. people say the new limit will | h. traffic safety |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Most countries have | a. have no speed limit |
| 2. The first speed limit | b. the UK in 1861 |
| 3. This was in | c. die every year |
| 4. The world's highest | d. smaller |
| 5. Some roads | e. speed limits |
| 6. 1.24 million people | f. accidents |
| 7. traffic | g. was 16 kph |
| 8. make this number | h. limit is 140 kph |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Drivers in New York have (1) _____. There is a new (2) _____ 40 kph. The city wants people to (3) _____. It wants fewer accidents and deaths. The mayor (4) _____ traffic safety to protect children (5) _____. Some people say the new limit (6) _____.

Most countries (7) _____. The first speed limit was 16 kph. This (8) _____ 1861. The world's (9) _____ kph. Some roads have no speed limit, like Germany's Autobahns. The (10) _____ people die (11) _____ accidents. Speed limits could make (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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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) _____

