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Level 2 – 25th January, 2019 Germany thinking about speed limit on autobahn

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.



THE READING

From https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1901/190125-autobahn-speed-limit-2.html

Germany may put a speed limit on its autobahn network of highways. The autobahn is 12,996 kilometers long. There is no speed limit on it for many vehicles. There are limits in some areas, like spots that have accidents, or roads that are being repaired. On some parts of the network, there is an advisory speed limit of 130 kph (80 mph). Germany may now put a speed limit on all parts of the autobahn. It has to meet fuel emission targets set by the European Union. It wants to reduce the damage done to the environment by cars that drive fast.

Many drivers are unhappy with a possible speed limit. They do not want the 130kph limit, even if other EU countries have it. Politicians say Germany's government would never pass a speed limit law. One politician said: "I don't think the suggestion of a speed limit is practical." One of Germany's best-selling newspapers 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 face big EU fines if it does not cut its greenhouse gases.

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

1.	There are limits in
2.	spots that have
3.	roads that are
4.	there is an advisory
5.	on all parts
6.	meet fuel
7.	It wants to reduce
8.	cars that

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- 1. They do not
- 2. even if other EU
- 3. pass a speed limit
- 4. the suggestion
- 5. Germany's best-
- 6. a symbol of
- 7. Germany could face big EU
- 8. greenhouse

- a. emission targets
- b. being repaired
- c. drive fast
- d. accidents
- e. the damage
- f. speed limit
- g. of the autobahn
- h. some areas
- a. selling newspapers
- b. fines
- c. countries have it
- d. freedom
- e. gases
- f. want the 130kph limit
- g. of a speed limit
- h. law

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Germany (1) _______. Speed limit on its autobahn (2) _______. The autobahn is 12,996 kilometers long. There is no speed (3) _______ for many vehicles. There are limits in some areas, like spots that have accidents, or roads that (4) _______. On some parts of the network, there is an advisory speed limit of 130 kph (80 mph). Germany may now put a speed limit (5) _______ of the autobahn. It has to meet fuel emission targets set by the European Union. It wants to (6) _______ done to the environment by cars that drive fast.

Many drivers are unhappy (7) ________ speed limit. They do not want the 130kph limit, even if other EU countries have it. Politicians say Germany's government (8) _______ a speed limit law. One politician said: "I don't think the suggestion of a speed (9) _______." One of Germany's best-selling newspapers (10) _______ speed limit. It wrote: "Our autobahn roads are a symbol of freedom. 'Tested on German autobahn' is (11) ______. There are enough speed limits." Germany (12) ______ EU fines if it does not cut its greenhouse gases.

PUT A SLASH (/)WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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SPEED LIMITS SURVEY

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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).

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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)		
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WRITING

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Write about **speed limits** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.