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## Driver gets million-dollar speeding fine

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# THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

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A Swedish driver has received a world record million-dollar speeding fine for driving at nearly 300 kph. The 37-year-old Swede was in his Mercedes super car when police in Switzerland stopped him. A traffic policeman said he was going so fast he needed 500 metres to stop. Courts fined him 1,080,000 Swiss francs, which is just over one million dollars. His car is worth almost a quarter of the fine, at \$234,000. The driver joked about his speed when the police stopped him. He said: "I think the speedo on the car is faulty."

Driving at high speeds on roads is crazy. People don't understand that the car becomes a deadly weapon. People will die if there is an accident. Many drivers think they won't crash. They think they are good drivers and nothing will happen to them. However, the best drivers in the world cannot stop quickly when they are driving too fast. Most governments don't do enough about speeding. People who speed are criminals. They break the law every time they go over the speed limit, and sometimes they kill others.

# PHRASE MATCH

From: [http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/100812-speeding\\_fine.html](http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/100812-speeding_fine.html)

**Match the following phrases from the article.**

## Paragraph 1

- |                            |                         |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. a world record million- | a. metres to stop       |
| 2. he was going            | b. about his speed      |
| 3. he needed 500           | c. faulty               |
| 4. worth almost a          | d. dollar speeding fine |
| 5. The driver joked        | e. so fast              |
| 6. the car is              | f. quarter              |

## Paragraph 2

- |                      |                |
|----------------------|----------------|
| 1. Driving at        | a. the law     |
| 2. a deadly          | b. limit       |
| 3. nothing will      | c. high speeds |
| 4. driving too       | d. happen      |
| 5. break             | e. weapon      |
| 6. go over the speed | f. fast        |

# LISTENING GAP FILL

From: [http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/100812-speeding\\_fine.html](http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/100812-speeding_fine.html)

A Swedish \_\_\_\_\_ world record million-dollar speeding \_\_\_\_\_ nearly 300 kph. The 37-year-old Swede was in his Mercedes super car when police in Switzerland stopped him. A traffic policeman \_\_\_\_\_ fast he needed 500 metres to stop. Courts fined him 1,080,000 Swiss francs, \_\_\_\_\_ million dollars. His car is worth almost a quarter of the fine, at \$234,000. The driver \_\_\_\_\_ when the police stopped him. He said: "I think the speedo \_\_\_\_\_."

Driving at high \_\_\_\_\_. People don't understand that the car becomes a deadly weapon. People will die \_\_\_\_\_. Many drivers think they won't crash. They think they are good drivers \_\_\_\_\_ to them. However, the best drivers in the \_\_\_\_\_ when they are driving too fast. Most governments don't do enough about speeding. People who speed are criminals. They \_\_\_\_\_ time they go over the speed limit, and sometimes they kill others.

# MULTIPLE CHOICE

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A Swedish driver has (1) \_\_\_\_\_ a world record million-dollar speeding fine for driving (2) \_\_\_\_\_ nearly 300 kph. The 37-year-old Swede was in his Mercedes super car when police in Switzerland stopped him. A traffic policeman said he was going (3) \_\_\_\_\_ fast he needed 500 metres to stop. Courts fined him 1,080,000 Swiss francs, which is just over one million dollars. His car is (4) \_\_\_\_\_ almost a quarter of the fine, at \$234,000. The driver joked about his speed when the police stopped him. He said: "I think the speedo on the car is (5) \_\_\_\_\_."

Driving at high speeds on roads is crazy. People don't understand that the car becomes a (6) \_\_\_\_\_ weapon. People will (7) \_\_\_\_\_ if there is an accident. Many drivers think they won't crash. They think they are good drivers and nothing will happen to them. However, the best drivers in the world cannot stop quickly when they are (8) \_\_\_\_\_ too fast. Most governments don't do enough about speeding. People who speed are criminals. They (9) \_\_\_\_\_ the law every time they (10) \_\_\_\_\_ over the speed limit, and sometimes they kill others.

## Put the correct words from this table into the article.

- |     |               |             |               |
|-----|---------------|-------------|---------------|
| 1.  | (a) received  | (b) receive | (c) receiving |
| 2.  | (a) at        | (b) on      | (c) by        |
| 3.  | (a) such      | (b) so      | (c) to        |
| 4.  | (a) worthless | (b) worthy  | (c) worth     |
| 5.  | (a) fault     | (b) faulty  | (c) faultless |
| 6.  | (a) deadly    | (b) dead    | (c) deaths    |
| 7.  | (a) dead      | (b) death   | (c) die       |
| 8.  | (a) driven    | (b) driving | (c) drives    |
| 9.  | (a) take      | (b) do      | (c) break     |
| 10. | (a) go        | (b) push    | (c) let       |

# SPELLING

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**Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.**

## Paragraph 1

1. world docerr
2. alnrey 300 kph
3. A faifrtc policeman
4. rtoCus fined him 1,080,000 Swiss francs
5. worth almost a aeqtrru
6. the car is yfluat

## Paragraph 2

7. Driving at high pedses
8. a dyldaē weapon
9. there is an cidnetac
10. nothing will pneahp
11. eakbr the law
12. go over the speed tilmi

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From: [http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/100812-speeding\\_fine.html](http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/100812-speeding_fine.html)

## Number these lines in the correct order.

- ( ) the law every time they go over the speed limit, and sometimes they kill others.
- ( ) about his speed when the police stopped him. He said: "I think the speedo on the car is faulty."
- ( ) Driving at high speeds on roads is crazy. People don't understand that the car becomes a deadly
- ( ) old Swede was in his Mercedes super car when police in Switzerland stopped him. A traffic policeman said he
- ( ) drivers and nothing will happen to them. However, the best drivers in the world cannot stop quickly when
- ( ) they are driving too fast. Most governments don't do enough about speeding. People who speed are criminals. They break
- ( ) over one million dollars. His car is worth almost a quarter of the fine, at \$234,000. The driver joked
- ( **1** ) A Swedish driver has received a world record million-dollar speeding fine for driving at nearly 300 kph. The 37-year-
- ( ) was going so fast he needed 500 metres to stop. Courts fined him 1,080,000 Swiss francs, which is just
- ( ) weapon. People will die if there is an accident. Many drivers think they won't crash. They think they are good

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**With a partner, put the words back into the correct order.**

1. world speeding record fine million - A dollar.

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2. metres fast 500 stop so needed to Going he.

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3. fine His car is worth almost a quarter of the.

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4. his driver about speed The joked.

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5. is car the on speedo The faulty.

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6. on Driving roads at is high crazy speeds.

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7. if accident die an will is People there.

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8. the stop The in cannot drivers world quickly best.

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9. speeding enough don't Most about do governments.

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10. over go limit they speed time the Every.

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## **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. \_\_\_\_\_



# 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. SPEEDING:** Search the Internet and find more information about speeding. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE:** Write a magazine article about speeding. Include imaginary an interview with the driver. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**4. 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.

**5. LETTER:** Write a letter to the. Ask him three questions about speeding. Give him three of your opinions on speeding. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Your partner will answer the questions you asked.