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Jenson Button in lucky escape

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

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2009 Formula One world champion Jenson Button had a lucky escape before the Brazilian Grand Prix at Interlagos. He was the target of an armed gang. He was driving back to his hotel when attackers carrying machine guns tried to stop his car. His driver skillfully escaped by driving at speed through the streets of Sao Paolo. It seems gangs had a plan to attack the Formula One teams. They successfully managed to hold up mechanics from the Sauber team. They had to stop their car and hand over their money and valuables at gunpoint.

Button was shocked after his experience. He said: "You hear about it happening over the years, but until you are actually involved you don't know how it feels." Button was extremely thankful to the driver of his bullet-proof car, saying: "Our driver was awesome; straight out of Hollywood...It was unbelievable...He was really cool." A spokesperson from Button's team McLaren said the police driver used "avoidance techniques" to quickly force his way through the traffic and away from any danger." Button came fifth in the race the next day.

PHRASE MATCH

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Match the following phrases from the article.

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|---------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Jenson Button had | a. gang |
| 2. the target of an armed | b. and valuables |
| 3. attackers carrying | c. speed |
| 4. driving at | d. Formula One teams |
| 5. a plan to attack the | e. a lucky escape |
| 6. hand over their money | f. machine guns |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Button was shocked after | a. it feels |
| 2. over the | b. proof car |
| 3. you don't know how | c. years |
| 4. his bullet- | d. in the race |
| 5. avoidance | e. his experience |
| 6. Button came fifth | f. techniques |

LISTENING GAP FILL

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2009 Formula One _____ Jenson Button had a lucky escape before the Brazilian Grand Prix at Interlagos. He _____ armed gang. He was driving back to his hotel when attackers carrying machine guns _____ car. His driver skillfully escaped by _____ through the streets of Sao Paolo. It seems gangs _____ the Formula One teams. They successfully managed to hold up mechanics from the Sauber team. They had to stop their car _____ money and valuables at gunpoint.

Button was _____ experience. He said: "You hear about it happening over the years, but _____ involved you don't know how it feels."

Button was _____ to the driver of his bullet-proof car, saying: "Our driver was awesome; _____ Hollywood...It was unbelievable...He was really cool." A spokesperson from Button's team McLaren said the police driver used "avoidance techniques" to quickly force _____ the traffic and away from any danger."

Button _____ the next day.

MULTIPLE CHOICE

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2009 Formula One world champion Jenson Button (1) _____ a lucky escape before the Brazilian Grand Prix at Interlagos. He was the target of an (2) _____ gang. He was driving back to his hotel when attackers (3) _____ machine guns tried to stop his car. His driver skillfully escaped (4) _____ driving at speed through the streets of Sao Paolo. It seems gangs had a plan to attack the Formula One teams. They (5) _____ managed to hold up mechanics from the Sauber team. They had to stop their car and (6) _____ over their money and valuables at gunpoint.

Button was (7) _____ after his experience. He said: "You hear about it happening over the years, but until you are actually involved you don't know how (8) _____ feels." Button was extremely thankful to the driver of his bullet-proof car, saying: "Our driver was awesome; straight (9) _____ of Hollywood...It was unbelievable...He was really cool." A spokesperson from Button's team McLaren said the police driver (10) _____ "avoidance techniques" to quickly force his way (11) _____ the traffic and away from any danger." Button came (12) _____ in the race the next day.

Put the correct words from this table into the article.

- | | | | |
|-----|-------------|--------------|------------------|
| 1. | (a) had | (b) having | (c) have |
| 2. | (a) arms | (b) arm | (c) armed |
| 3. | (a) lifting | (b) carrying | (c) pulling |
| 4. | (a) at | (b) to | (c) by |
| 5. | (a) success | (b) succeed | (c) successfully |
| 6. | (a) arm | (b) hand | (c) finger |
| 7. | (a) shocked | (b) shocking | (c) shocks |
| 8. | (a) them | (b) it | (c) him |
| 9. | (a) in | (b) up | (c) out |
| 10. | (a) useful | (b) used | (c) uses |
| 11. | (a) through | (b) threw | (c) though |
| 12. | (a) fifth | (b) five | (c) fifths |

SPELLING

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Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.

Paragraph 1

1. world noichmpa
2. the gtraet of an armed gang
3. amhenci guns
4. His driver skillfully dacepes
5. tkacat the Formula One teams
6. their money and lualasvbe

Paragraph 2

7. Button was cdshkoe
8. extremely tuhalknf
9. bullet-oropf car
10. through the ctiffar
11. away from any engdar
12. Button came fhtif

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () actually involved you don't know how it feels." Button was extremely thankful to the driver of his bullet-proof
- (**1**) 2009 Formula One world champion Jenson Button had a lucky escape before the Brazilian Grand Prix
- () up mechanics from the Sauber team. They had to stop their car and hand over their money and valuables at gunpoint.
- () at Interlagos. He was the target of an armed gang. He was driving back to his hotel when attackers carrying
- () Button was shocked after his experience. He said: "You hear about it happening over the years, but until you are
- () car, saying: "Our driver was awesome; straight out of Hollywood...It was unbelievable...He was really
- () machine guns tried to stop his car. His driver skillfully escaped by driving at speed through the streets
- () quickly force his way through the traffic and away from any danger." Button came fifth in the race the next day.
- () of Sao Paolo. It seems gangs had a plan to attack the Formula One teams. They successfully managed to hold
- () cool." A spokesperson from Button's team McLaren said the police driver used "avoidance techniques" to

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

1. Button had World a champion lucky Jenson escape.

2. He an was armed the gang target of.

3. tried his Attackers guns stop machine to car carrying.

4. attack the A Formula plan One to teams.

5. valuables over at their gunpoint money and Hand.

6. his was after experience Button shocked.

7. You know it don't how feels.

8. driver proof of car his bullet The -.

9. way his force Quickly traffic the through.

10. fifth race day came the next Button in the.

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. _____

WRITING

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Write about Formula One for 10 minutes. Show your partner your paper. Correct each other's work.

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. FORMULA ONE: Search the Internet and find more information about Formula One. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about Jenson Button's lucky escape. Include imaginary interviews with Jenson and his 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 Jenson Button. Ask him three questions about Formula One. Give him three of your opinions on Formula One. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Your partner will answer the questions you asked.