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## **Level 2**

# **EU plans to stop cars speeding**

**5th September, 2013**

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# THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1309/130905-speed-limit-2.html>

The European Union (EU) has a plan to stop cars speeding. It hopes to reduce the number of traffic-accident deaths. Around 30,000 lives are lost each year in Europe. It will use a digital technology called intelligent speed authority (ISA). It costs about \$380. Satellites communicate with cars. Two things can happen. One is that the driver gets a warning about the speed limit. The other is that the technology automatically puts on the car's brakes and slows it down to a safer speed. The transport department said it could cut road deaths by one-third by 2020.

Not everyone is happy with this idea. People in Britain do not want the EU telling them how to drive. The British transport minister said it took away the freedom of motorists. British politicians believe it is unnecessary because the UK has fewer road deaths than other countries. In 2012, 1,754 people died on British roads. This was down from 1,901 in 2011 and the lowest figure since records began in 1926. In Germany, there were 3,657 fatalities last year. A UK motoring organisation warned that ISA could be dangerous. It said you couldn't accelerate to avoid crashing if you had to.

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# MATCHING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1309/130905-speed-limit-2.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                              |                          |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. a plan to stop cars       | a. can happen            |
| 2. 30,000 lives are          | b. the car's brakes      |
| 3. Satellites communicate    | c. about the speed limit |
| 4. Two things                | d. one-third             |
| 5. the driver gets a warning | e. speeding              |
| 6. automatically puts on     | f. safer speed           |
| 7. slows it down to a        | g. with cars             |
| 8. cut road deaths by        | h. lost each year        |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

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|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. Not everyone is happy     | a. how to drive               |
| 2. telling them              | b. avoid crashing             |
| 3. it took away the          | c. unnecessary                |
| 4. politicians believe it is | d. from 1,901 in 2011         |
| 5. the UK has fewer          | e. with this idea             |
| 6. This was down             | f. 3,657 fatalities last year |
| 7. In Germany, there were    | g. freedom of motorists       |
| 8. accelerate to             | h. road deaths                |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Not everyone (7) \_\_\_\_\_ idea. People in Britain do not want the EU telling (8) \_\_\_\_\_. The British transport minister said it took away the freedom of motorists. British politicians (9) \_\_\_\_\_ because the UK has fewer road deaths than other countries. In 2012, 1,754 people died on British roads. (10) \_\_\_\_\_ 1,901 in 2011 and the lowest figure (11) \_\_\_\_\_ 1926. In Germany, there were 3,657 fatalities last year. A UK motoring organisation warned that ISA could be dangerous. It said (12) \_\_\_\_\_ to avoid crashing if you had to.

# 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)

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b)

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c)

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d)

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e)

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f)

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g)

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h)

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

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

a)

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c)

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d)

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e)

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f)

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g)

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h)

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