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### A Flying Start 飞跃性的起步

Read the text below and do the activity that follows.

阅读下面的短文，然后完成练习：

A young British **Formula One racing driver** has made history by **breaking records** for the best ever **debut** for a **newcomer** to the F1 drivers' championship.

Lewis Hamilton is just 22 years old and has competed in only five F1 **Grand Prix** races, but is the only driver ever to finish in the **top three** in all five of his first races. He is also the youngest driver ever to **lead the championship**, breaking the record set in 1960 by Bruce McClaren.

Lewis is remarkable in other ways too. He is the first driver of **Caribbean descent** to compete in F1. Although he was born in Stevenage, England, his father's parents came from the island of Grenada in the Caribbean.

His ambition and professional approach to racing from the earliest age is also the **stuff of legend**. He began racing **go-karts** at the age of six, quickly winning races and championships.

In 1995, at the age of ten, Lewis met Ron Dennis, the boss of the McClaren-Mercedes **F1 racing team** at an **awards ceremony**. Mr Dennis later said: "When I first met Lewis he was asking for my **autograph**. Without breaking **eye contact**, he told me how he was going to go about his career."

It really **impressed** him, and within a couple of years Lewis had joined the McClaren **development programme** and his journey to F1 stardom had begun.

**Former F1 legends** have been quick to **spot the young racer's potential**. Triple world champion Niki Lauda said he had been "**stunned**" by Lewis's first season in world championship competition.

Lauda, who raced in F1 for three decades, told a British newspaper that Lewis had "a clear mind to face the challenge of F1".

"It may seem absolutely amazing, but, yes, I can see Lewis winning the championship **at the first attempt**," said Niki Lauda.



## Glossary 词汇表

<b>Formula One racing driver</b> F1方程式赛车手	<b>breaking records</b> 打破纪录
<b>debut</b> 首次露面	<b>newcomer</b> 新选手
<b>Grand Prix</b> 国际汽车大奖赛	<b>top three</b> 前三名
<b>lead the championship</b> 在冠军赛中领先	<b>Caribbean descent</b> 加勒比人的后裔
<b>stuff of legend</b> 象神话一般的	<b>go-karts</b> 卡丁车
<b>F1 racing team</b> F1方程式赛车队	<b>awards ceremony</b> 颁奖仪式
<b>autograph</b> 签名	<b>eye contact</b> 双目对视
<b>impressed</b> 给...留下印象	<b>development programme</b> 训练计划
<b>Former F1 legends</b> F1方程式赛事的传奇伟人	<b>spot the young racer's potential</b> 发现年轻选手的潜能
<b>stunned</b> 惊讶	<b>at the first attempt</b> 初次尝试

### 1. Reading Quiz 阅读测验

Are these sentences true or false? Circle the correct answer.

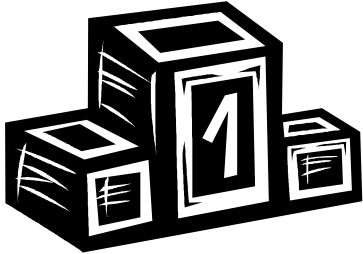
以下句子哪句是真?哪句是假?请圈出正确答案。

- Lewis Hamilton has performed better than any other newcomer to F1. **True / False**
- He has finished at least third in all of his races in F1. **True / False**
- His paternal grandparents came from the island of Trinidad. **True / False**
- Lewis Hamilton began his career racing small powered karts. **True / False**
- Niki Lauda thinks Lewis Hamilton will be good enough to win the F1 championship within a couple of years. **True / False**

2. Label the pictures 标注图片

Look at the pictures below. Do you know what these items are? Write the name of the object underneath the picture.

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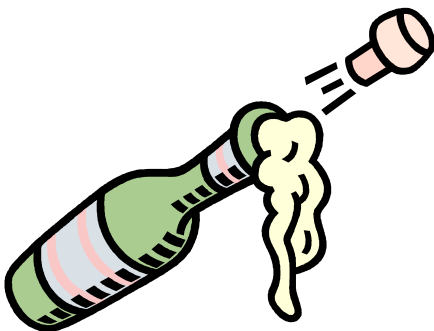
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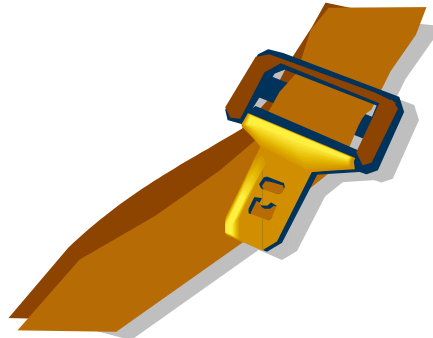
3. \_\_\_\_\_



4. \_\_\_\_\_



5. \_\_\_\_\_



6. \_\_\_\_\_

steering wheel  
trophy

chequered flag  
podium

seatbelt  
champagne

### 3. Idioms 习惯用语

Look at the idioms below. Each one is connected to cars and driving.

Match the idiom to its definition.

请看下列习惯用语，它们都与车辆和驾驶有关。

请将习语与各自的定义对应起来。

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|----------------------------------|---|
| 1. to put your foot down         | a. to drive very quickly                                    |
| 2. to do a u-turn                | b. to make somebody angry                                   |
| 3. to drive somebody up the wall | c. a person who always offers unnecessary advice            |
| 4. a backseat driver             | d. to reverse your opinion and go in the opposite direction |

Now complete the sentences below by using one of the idioms above.

现在请用以上的某个习语完成下列句子。

1. My kids \_\_\_\_\_ with all the noise and mess they make.
2. My wife is a real \_\_\_\_\_. She's always telling me how to do things as if she could do a much better job.
3. "Come on, we're going to be late if you don't \_\_\_\_\_."
4. Our boss said we would all get a pay rise. But the then he \_\_\_\_\_ and said we would all get a pay cut instead.

#### 4. Wordsearch 单词搜索

Try to find the words associated with cars and driving in the puzzle below.

There are ten words to find. Words can be written horizontally (→), vertically (↓) or diagonally (↘)

请在下面的字谜游戏中，找出与车辆和驾驶有关的英语单词来。

共有10个单词，其组成方式可能以水平的(→) 垂直的(↓) 或对角的(↘)形式出现。

a	q	d	r	g	t	h	y	j	k	i	m
a	b	r	e	c	t	f	d	e	v	h	i
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t	a	h	y	j	a	h	c	s	w	f	n
y	k	j	b	k	c	u	n	r	g	w	i
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w	h	e	e	l	t	m	c	t	d	m	o
f	r	h	a	n	j	f	e	r	d	k	n
t	w	a	r	k	y	u	m	i	n	e	d
s	w	u	n	e	r	g	n	s	k	i	d
w	m	i	r	r	o	r	e	s	r	l	i

brake	ignition	wheel	gear	mirror
crash	skid	track	race	grid

## Answers 答案

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	r			c	r	a	s	h	g
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