

CHAPTERS 1-3

Before you read

You can use your dictionary for these questions.

- 1 Use these words to complete the sentences.
beat championship control go-kart lap overtake qualify race season track
 - a) My is fast, but it crashes a lot because I can't it.
 - b) At the end of the football, Chelsea won the
 - c) The two fastest runners in this will for the Olympics.
 - d) I drove one around the in a racing car. It was cool!
 - e) You have to the other drivers if you want to them.
- 2 Which things are parts of a car? Why do people need the other things at a motor race?
engine flag gear pit tyre

After you read

- 3 Put the sentences in the correct order.
 - a) He decided to stop racing.
 - b) Ayrton's father gave him his first go-kart.
 - c) He got married.
 - d) He became the champion of Formula Three.
 - e) He went to race in Italy.
 - f) He drove a full-size car for the first time.
 - g) He moved to England.
- 4 Are these sentences true or false? Correct the false sentences.
 - a) Ayrton came from a poor family in Brazil.
 - b) Ayrton got a lot of help from his father when he started racing.
 - c) Lilian didn't like living in England.
 - d) Lilian and Ayrton didn't stay together as husband and wife.
 - e) Ayrton often crashed his car in Formula Three.
 - f) Ayrton won the 1984 Monaco Grand Prix.
 - g) Formula One drivers only get points if they come first, second or third.

- 5 What do you think? Did Senna become a great driver more because of luck or hard work?

CHAPTERS 3-5

Before you read

- 6 Match the words with the descriptions.
fuel teammate death God helmet
 - a) This is the opposite of life.
 - b) If you don't have this, the engine in your car can't work.
 - c) Christians, Jews and Muslims believe in this person.
 - d) This goes on your head to keep it safe in an accident.
 - e) This is a person who works or does sport in the same group as you.
- 7 The title of Chapter 4 is 'Teammate trouble'. What sort of trouble does Senna have with a teammate, do you think?

After you read

- 8 Who won the championship in these years?
a) 1988 b) 1989 c) 1990
- 9 Match the two halves of the sentences.

a) Elio de Angelis	i) was the head of FISA.
b) Gerhard Berger	ii) was Senna's girlfriend.
c) Alain Prost	iv) died in a car crash.
e) Ron Dennis	v) thought that Senna's driving was dangerous.
f) Xuxa	vi) was the boss of McLaren.
g) Jean-Marie Balestre	vii) was Senna's teammate after Prost.
- 10 Prost or Senna?
 - a) He never drove faster than he had to.
 - b) He believed in God.
 - c) He made a stupid mistake at the 1988 Monaco Grand Prix.
 - d) He was good friends with Jean-Marie Balestre.
 - e) He did more exercise than most other drivers.