

Vocabulary | speed

1 Match the sentence halves.

- 1 There was a speed *f*
- 2 She's always in a *g*
- 3 What's the speed *e*
- 4 The car has a top *c*
- 5 He didn't arrive on *a*
- 6 I got caught in rush *c*
- 7 You can take *d*
- 8 Please slow *i*
- 9 Can't you speed *h*
- 10 I have to eat on the *B*

- a time – he was more than 10 minutes late.
- b go today – I don't have time to sit down.
- c hour traffic at six o'clock.
- d your time, there's no rush.
- e limit in your country on the motorway?
- f hurry – she has no time for anything.
- g speed of 180 mph.
- h up? We'll never get there!
- i down, you're driving too fast!
- j camera on the bridge which caught me speeding.

2 Complete the text using the words from the box.

behind down in on with up (x2)

Slow Living

Are you always (1) in a hurry? Do you often get (2) behind with your work? Do you have to stay late in the office to catch (3) up with your work? Do you panic when you can't arrive (4) on time? Why? Stop worrying! The world is 25 billion years old. It will continue with or without you. You need to slow (5) down, not speed (6) up! Join the Slow Living movement and see a better, slower world. Join today! Or tomorrow . . . or next week . . . or . . .

Grammar | Present Simple Passive

3 Complete the sentences with a verb from the box. Use the Present Simple Passive.

give make play spend stop take
wash write

- 1 Our pizzas are made with fresh ingredients.
- 2 This book is written by a very famous author.
- 3 Football is the only sport that is played in almost every country.
- 4 He is stopped by customs every time he enters the country.
- 5 I am taken to work by taxi every morning.
- 6 Most of our money are spent on food and drink.
- 7 The dirty clothes are washed in the washing machine.
- 8 I am given £20 pocket money every week by my parents.

4 Make questions using the prompts and the Present Simple Passive. The answers to the quiz are below.

- 1 What food/Italy/know/for? What's it, food I know for?
A pizza B hamburgers C apples
- 2 What meat/not serve/to Hindus? What meat is it served to Hindus?
A chicken B beef C pork
- 3 How much/milk/drink/in US compared to fizzy drinks? How much milk is drunk in US?
A 1/5 B 1/2 C 3/4
- 4 What complaint/hear/most often in US fast food restaurants? What complaint is the heard the most often?
A the food is too expensive
B there isn't enough meat in the hamburger
C there's too much ice in the drink
- 5 Which animal/not eat/by Muslims? Which animal isn't eaten by Mus?
A cow B sheep C pig
- 6 How many teaspoons of sugar/contain/in one glass of cola? How many teaspoons of sugar are contained in one glass?
A 1 B 5 C 14

1A 2B 3A 4C 5C 6C
Answers

Reading

5 a Read the text and answer the questions.
Underline the best answer.

- 1 Jai Alai was first played in
A Miami B Mexico C Spain and France
- 2 How many players play on each Jai Alai team?
A one B two C one or two
- 3 What happens if the player doesn't catch the ball after one bounce?
A the ball hits the wall
B the other player or team gets a point
C the other team gets seven points
- 4 Apart from a helmet, what do Jai Alai players wear?
A a long shirt, trousers and a belt
B trousers and a long belt
C a shirt, a belt and long trousers
- 5 How many cestas do players use in a season?
A 200 B 2 C 15

b Complete the sentences with the passive forms of the verbs given.

- 1 Jai Alai is thought to be the fastest sport in the world. (think)
- 2 Jai Alai is called Pelota Vasca in Spain. (call)
- 3 The court which is used for Jai Alai has three walls. (use)
- 4 Games are played by one or two players on each team. (play)
- 5 A basket is used to catch and throw the ball. (use)
- 6 The game is won by the first player or team to score seven points. (win)
- 7 Helmets are worn by players to protect their heads. (wear)

Jai Alai

The fastest sport in the world?

A lot of people think that the fastest sport in the world is Jai Alai. This is a sport which originated in the Basque region of France and Spain (where it is called Pelota Vasca) and spread to the United States, Mexico and other countries. It is very popular in Florida, especially in Miami. Jai Alai players play on a court which has three walls, front, back and left. Players play individually or in doubles games like in tennis. Jai Alai players use a cesta or basket to catch and throw a very hard ball at the front wall. When one player hits the wall with the ball, the other player must catch the ball before it bounces or after one bounce. After catching the ball the player has to throw the ball back at the wall with the cesta. If the player doesn't catch the ball after one bounce, the other player or team gets a point. The first team to score seven points is the winner. Because the ball is so hard and it can travel at speeds of nearly 300 kmh, Jai Alai is dangerous. Players wear helmets to protect their heads from the ball. Apart from the helmet, players wear a coloured shirt and belt and long trousers. It can be an expensive sport as players pay about \$200 for a cesta and they often use 15 cestas in one season.

