

Alpha Level 5

Drag Racing



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A Complete the sentence using words in the box.

crew parachute accelerate resistant sticky still

- As soon as the green light flashes, the drivers _____ down the track.
to make something go faster
- Hot _____ rubber has a better grip on the road.
easily becomes joined to things that it touches
- Many dragsters have _____s to help them to slow down.
A piece of equipment that opens and lets people fall to the ground slowly
- Drivers and their _____s are always making changes to the engine.
a group of people who work together
- They wear clothing that is fire _____ to help them stay safe.
not harmed or affected by something
- At the start of the race, the cars must be completely _____.
not moving

B Choose the words with the same meaning.

- Pit crews often **wear** uniforms to show which race team they are in.
a) make b) take off c) put on d) work
- At the starting line, an infrared sensor light **shines** across the track.
a) fix b) flash c) sit d) spin
- They need a lot of **room** so that they can stop.
a) space b) car c) body d) engine
- Drag racers are safe and **careful** drivers.
a) important b) careless c) dangerous d) cautious

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D

- Conjunction so that -

Use **so that** to express purpose.

Ex.) He turned on TV **so that** he could watch the soccer game.

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 action purpose for the action

- I could show him the way
I wouldn't be late
he could stay home from school
- she can improve her English skills
they can buy a house

A Answer the following questions.

1. The main purpose of the book is _____.
 - a) to entertain readers
 - b) to persuade
 - c) to give information
2. Why are drivers and their crews always making changes to the engine?
 - a) because they like to change things
 - b) because they should make the dragster go faster
 - c) because they have to protect themselves
3. Why do the dragsters have parachutes?
 - a) Parachutes help them slow down and stop
 - b) Parachutes help them look great
 - c) Parachutes help them to get squashed.
4. What happens to the back wheels during the burn out? (p7)

The back wheels make _____ and get very _____.

5. What do drag racers wear to stay safe? (p12)

They wear helmets, seat belts, and _____.

B Read and circle "T" for true or "F" for false.

1. Drag racing is a popular motor racing.
2. Young people between the ages of eight and sixteen can't race.
3. In drag racing, three cars race in the track.
4. Many different kinds of cars are used in drag racing.
5. Most of people race dragsters to earn their living.

T / F

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C Complete the sentences and write the numbers in order.

How do drivers race in drag racing?



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At the start of a drag race, drivers move _____ into position.


☐

When the _____ are ready to race, the infrared sensor lights come on _____.

☐

As soon as the _____ flashes, the drivers _____ as fast as possible down the track.


☐

Drivers complete a _____ where the _____ spin very fast.

☐

When drag racers cross the _____, they open their _____.

their dragsters, green light, accelerate, finishing line, parachute to slow down, burn out, back wheels, two dragsters, from the top down

D Complete a writing about drag racing.**Drag Racing**

Drag racing can be very dangerous.

There are some important things to be needed for the safety of the racers.

They should wear _____

What should the racers wear?

The dragster should be _____

What should the dragsters be built with?

_____ have to be on hand to help racers.

Who has to be on hand to help if there is an accident?