

Britain is a sport-loving nation, and it's the birthplace of some of the world's favourite sports. Join Richard as he visits Silverstone, home of Formula 1, and Wembley Stadium, the 'temple of football'.

Do the preparation task first. Then, watch the video and do the exercises. Remember you can read the transcript at any time



1. Check your understanding: matching

Match the vocabulary with the correct definition and write a–f next to the numbers 1–6.

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| 1..... the birthplace | a. (in a car) to move from one speed and power setting to another |
| 2..... to change gear | b. something that you give, say or do to show respect and admiration |
| 3..... to get a peek | c. to have a remodelling, restoration or renovation to improve the appearance |
| 4..... to undergo a makeover | d. to have a quick look |
| 5..... a tribute | e. areas at the side of the track in motor racing where the cars are prepared, serviced and refuelled |
| 6..... the pit and paddock | f. the place where someone was born or something started |

2. Check your understanding: true or false

Circle *True* or *False* for these sentences.

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| 1. Cricket, rugby and football were invented in Britain. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 2. Silverstone circuit is a world-famous motor sport venue. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 3. The crowd at Silverstone don't know much about the sport. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 4. Richard enjoys his driving lesson with Chris Ward. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 5. Bobby Moore was a legendary rugby player. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 6. Wembley Stadium only hosts sporting events. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 7. The steel arch over Wembley Stadium is the highest piece of roof section in the world. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 8. The Press Conference Room has space for up to 190 journalists. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |

3. Check your understanding: multiple choice

Circle the best word to complete these sentences.

1. This is Silverstone Circuit, one of the world's most famous motor sport **fields / venues / pitches** .
2. Silverstone has the biggest and most knowledgeable **congregation / mob / crowd** in the world, 320,000 people over the weekend of a Grand Prix.
3. Britain is mad about sport. From hockey to sailing, basketball to athletics, and grass court tennis is a national **obsession / hang-up / craziness** .
4. Wembley Stadium has recently undergone a huge **makeover / celebration / installation** .
5. And with 90,000 seats to choose from there's plenty of room for all the **admirers / witnesses / fans** .
6. The world's finest football players have given us some of history's greatest sporting moments on this very **track / field / pitch** .
7. The stadium is one kilometre all the way round and above me stands a 133 metre tall steel **circle / bridge / arch** .
8. This is the Press Conference Room. Up to 190 members of the media fill these seats after every game to ask the world's most famous football players the **boiling / burning / hot** questions we all want to hear.

Discussion

Which sports do you like?

Do you like watching or playing?

I prefer ...

I like to ...

I really like ...

Vocabulary Box Write any new words you have learnt in this lesson.