



Orientation

Ensure that you have read about using the plan in the Program Guide.

Book summary

Read the following summary to the student.

Senna was one of the greatest Formula One drivers of all time. Find out why his racing career was short and how he still helps children of Brazil today.

Introduction

Foster interest and activate the student's background knowledge. Be concise – focus on motivating and involving the student. Encourage prediction by using the text and illustrations on the cover of the book. Discuss new vocabulary and remind the student to use the glossary (when applicable). Also remind the student to ask him/herself questions before, during and after the reading.

Find out what the student knows about car racing. Explain the terms “Formula One racing” and “Grand Prix” to the student. (“Formula One racing” involves a special kind of car being driven at very high speeds; “Grand Prix” is a term made of two French words and is the name given to the events where Formula One cars race.) Look through the pictures in the book together.

Conferencing

Check how well the student reads

When you are conferencing, the student reads all or part of the book to you. Then:

- praise, pause, and prompt appropriately;
- check for accuracy (by counting mistakes) and fluency;
- check for understanding by using one or more of the following methods:
 - asking the comprehension questions provided and any others that seem necessary;
 - asking the student to retell the story in their own words;
 - asking questions about and discussing aspects of the story, such as the theme, plot, main ideas, sequence and characters;
 - encouraging the student to confirm the predictions they made during the orientation.

Decide what the student does next

Next recommend that the student:

- practices some more on the same book, with or without the audio;
- completes one of the activities provided that is related to the book;
- practices with another book from the same level; or
- is assessed for promotion to the next level.

Comprehension questions

1. Where was Senna born?
2. When did Senna begin racing?
3. What is special about Formula One cars?
4. What did Senna love about racing?
5. Why is Senna remembered?

Answers to the Comprehension questions

1. Senna was born in Brazil.
2. He began racing when he was four years old.
3. Accept any of the following: can reach 220 miles an hour, wheels outside the car's main body, a very small cockpit for one person, built just for racing.
4. Answers will vary.
5. Answers will vary.

Supporting English Language Learners

The following are suggestions for optional lessons to take with your English language learners. See the overview chart in the Program Guide for a summary of the text features of this book.

Purpose

Building knowledge of superlatives

Introduce the concept and practice

Understanding and using superlative language is essential in enabling the student to compare and contrast information.

When the student is familiar with the book, check that they understand the topic-specific vocabulary. Then go through the text together, identifying the superlative language; for example, greatest, fastest, most important, most successful. Discuss the use of the ending “-est” and the word “most” when indicating the concept of best.

As an extension activity, the student could make a list of other words that describe Senna; for example, brave, generous, thoughtful. They could decide whether the “-est” ending or the word “most” applies when comparing him to other people.





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Errors
M S

Ayrton Senna da Silva is one of the greatest Formula One drivers of all time. He was known as _____. Senna was born in Brazil _____ March 21, 1960. His family _____ very wealthy, so he _____ race cars to make _____. He raced because he _____ it. His love of _____ began when he was four _____ old. His father gave _____ a miniature go-kart. Karts _____ beginning drivers go at _____ 15 miles per hour. _____ drivers get older, they _____ faster karts. Some karts _____ go at about 78 _____ per hour. When he _____ 13, Senna raced a _____ for the first time _____ he won. This was _____ beginning of his life _____ a racing car driver. Eight _____ later, Senna was driving Formula One _____. In the next three years, _____ won five championships. Formula _____ cars can reach 220 _____ an hour and are among the fastest cars in the world.

Accuracy Chart (Exact word replacement only)

Words Entered	Score	Level
More than 11 correct		Independent
10 or 11 correct		Instructional
Fewer than 10 correct		Frustration

Errors

M = Meaning (makes sense) ____ S = Syntax (sounds right) ____

Heard Seen Unseen

Comments:





Senna is one of the greatest Formula One drivers of all time. His love of racing began when he was four years old. His father gave him a miniature go-kart.

When he was 13, Senna raced a kart for the first time and he won. Eight years later, Senna was driving Formula One cars. In the next three years, he won five championships.

Formula One cars are among the fastest cars in the world. They are built just for racing. The Monaco Grand Prix is the most important race to drivers.

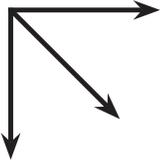
Senna won this race six times. When he died, Senna left millions of dollars to help poor children. Senna's name lives on.





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Words can be found in these directions:



The letter in each square can only be used in one word.

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

Words to find:

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|--------|-------|----------|--------|--------|
| as | car | children | driver | enough |
| father | for | gave | he | him |
| hour | make | most | number | of |
| people | saw | time | to | track |
| was | world | years | | |

Use the letters that are left to make a word that tells what type of children Senna helped by giving millions of dollars.....





- ★ Spin the numbered spinner.
- ★ The highest number starts.
- ★ You need to spin the exact number to move onto the END square.

START

You are Senna, one of the greatest Formula One drivers of all time.

1 Your father gives you a miniature go-kart. Spin again. Go forward that number.

2

3

19

20

21 You give millions of dollars to help poor children. Spin again. If you spin a 3 or a 5, go on to 25.

22

4 You race a kart for the first time and win. Go forward 4 spaces.

18

END

The institution to help poor children is named after you. Your name lives on.

23

5

17 You are very rich. Go back two spaces.

30

24 You create an institution to help poor children. Go on to 27.

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25

7 You drive a Formula One car. Spin again. Go back that number.

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27

26 Your racing career is cut short. Miss a turn.

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13

12 You win the Monaco Grand Prix six times. Go back to 9.

11

10 You win five championships. Name two numbers. If you spin one of those numbers, go on to 13.

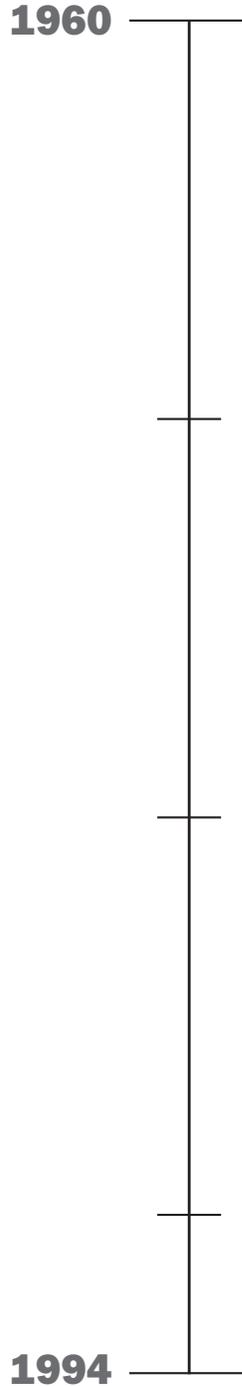
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Draw a timeline to show the important dates in Senna's life and what he did.



Write on the back of this page if you need more space.



Include when Senna won races and when he died. Illustrate the timeline.

