

While you listen

The *Britain is Great* series tells you about some of the things that make Britain so great. There's a lot of fun facts – and lots of good language, too. See if you can answer the questions while you watch the video.

Comprehension Task 1 - Choose all the things that Richard does in the video.

- a) He attends a press conference.
- b) He drives a Ferrari.
- c) He goes inside Wembley Stadium.
- d) He has a driving lesson.
- e) He looks at a statue.
- f) He takes part in a race.
- g) He visits an Olympic stadium.
- h) He visits Silverstone.
- i) He walks across the Wembley pitch.
- j) He watches a football match.
- k) He watches a Grand Prix race.

Comprehension Task 2 - Fill in the spaces with no more than three words or numbers from the video.

1. Silverstone Circuit is one of the world's most famous (a) _____ venues. It has been modernised over the last 60 years and its most recent development is the Silverstone Wing, which is a new (b) _____ and paddock. Richard Phillips is the (c) _____. He says that the circuit attracts (d) _____ people

over the weekend of a Grand Prix. It's the biggest (e) _____ in the country.

2. Wembley Stadium is home to the England National Football Team and the (a) _____. The stadium has (b) _____ seats and measures 1 km all the way round. It has the longest single piece of (c) _____ in the world, which you can see from miles away. It's made of (d) _____ and is (e) _____ metres tall and (f) _____ metres long and it moves to allow (g) _____ onto the pitch. The Press Conference Room has seats for up to (h) _____ members of the media.

Language Task 1 - Put the words in order to make sentences from the video.

1. last / has / times / Over the / sixty / with the / circuit / changed / years this
2. been / you / before? / race / someone / So what / who's / would / never / say to / to a
3. to do / better / the home / motor sports? / What / place / it / than / of British
4. cricket / was / as / Rugby / invented / was / here
5. Bobby Moore - / footballers / This / is / one / all-time / greatest / of the

Language Task 2 - Which words can we use in the spaces? Choose three answers for each question.

1. This is Silverstone Circuit - one of the world's most famous motor sport _____.

- a) fields
- b) locations
- c) scenes
- d) sites
- e) situations
- f) venues

2. Hundreds of thousands of fans come here to _____ the most exciting motor racing events on the planet.

- a) assist
- b) experience
- c) look at
- d) observe
- e) watch
- f) witness

3. Richard Phillips is the Managing Director. He _____ everything that takes place here.

- a) captains
- b) manages
- c) looks over
- d) oversees
- e) rules
- f) supervises

4. Here at Silverstone we have the biggest, most _____ crowd in the world.

- a) experienced
- b) familiar
- c) informed
- d) knowledgeable
- e) understandable
- f) comprehensive

5. I'm about to get a _____ behind closed doors.

- a) gaze
- b) glimpse
- c) look
- d) peek
- e) sight
- f) spy

6. The stadium has recently _____ a huge makeover.

- a) been through
- b) encountered
- c) experienced
- d) known
- e) undergone
- f) witnessed

7. Members of the media ask the players the _____ questions we all want to hear.

- a) burning
- b) hot
- c) important
- d) imposing
- e) pressing
- f) testing

Comprehension Task 1: a; b; d; e; f; i;

Comprehension Task 2: 1.250; 2.12; 3.150 million; 4. German; 5. 500; 6.best-seller; 7.Frensshe; 8. 1867/the nineteenth century;

Language Task 1: 1. I love you. See you later.; 2. Are you OK? Please call as soon as possible.; 3. My holidays were great - and yours?;

4. Would you like dinner tonight?; 5. I need to see you before I leave.

Language Task 2: 1.d; 2.a; 3.a; 4.b; 5.d; 6.c; 7.b; 8.b; 9.b; 10.b