

13th November 2023 – Advanced C1

A new all-female racing series called Formula 1 Academy has crowned its first champion, 23-year-old Marta García. Over the course of its opening season the Spanish driver beat her rivals and topped the standings with seven wins and twelve podiums. F1 Academy's concluding race was a support event for the US F1 Grand Prix. Afterwards, F1 driver Lewis Hamilton, British seven-time world champion, congratulated García and said her win was deserved. F1 Academy is a new initiative that helps female racing drivers to reach the highest level of motorsport, namely Formula 1, a level often restricted and less accessible to women. With the exposure F1 Academy has given García, her seat in an F3 level championship next year is now fully funded. García said she is thrilled to be racing with her team Prema again next year and that she is "really determined to do well". The series looks to aid female drivers on a successful progression path. Next year it will provide collaboration with the F1 teams on the grid, such as Hamilton's Mercedes team. The recruited teams will each be sponsoring a female driver and giving them a branded livery. Media coverage will be more widespread next year too with the seven races of the series featuring only at F1 weekends. Susie Wolff, the managing director of F1 Academy, believes that its inspiring concept will bring more diversity to Formula 1. She said the racers have all "taken a leap of faith to join us on this mission".

Q1. _____

Discuss what kinds of racing sports there are.

What words are associated with teams that begin with the five letters of that word.

Q2. _____

Mark these statements true or false:

1. García won the F1 Academy race course.
2. García earned 19 trophies.
3. The F1 Academy race was before the F1 Grand Prix.
4. Formula 1 is restricted to men only.
5. García won't have to pay to race in 2024.

6. Mercedes are giving García a contract.
7. The female series cars will have F1 team colours.
8. F1 Academy will be easier to watch in its second season.
9. Susie Wolff finished in second place this season.
10. Wolff doesn't know how successful F1 Academy will be.

Q3. _____

Link the five synonym pairs:

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| 1. conclude | A. hire |
| 2. aid | B. finish |
| 3. concept | C. help |
| 4. deserve | D. earn |
| 5. recruit | E. idea |

Link the three antonym pairs:

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| 6. accessible | F. local |
| 7. collaboration | G. division |
| 8. widespread | H. limited |

Q4. _____

In the text, find 10 participial adjectives beginning with the following letters:

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| 1. d..... | 6. b..... |
| 2. m..... | 7. r..... |
| 3. f..... | 8. i..... |
| 4. o..... | 9. c..... |
| 5. d..... | 10. r..... |

Q5. _____

Discussion questions / Writing practice:

1. What kinds of prizes are there in sport for winning?
2. What is sponsorship?
3. What sports don't get enough coverage?

Q6. _____

Use the back of this paper to write an A-Z of names with a number in them (e.g. Formula 1).

Q7. _____

10 C1 lesson keywords: underlined in text.