



Formula One

Listening Questions 1

1. How many drivers' titles did Nico Rosberg's father win? How about Damon Hill's?
2. How many races in total did Nico and Lewis Hamilton win in 2016?
3. In what year did Damon Hill win his title?
4. When was Ayrton Senna born?
5. How many races did Senna win?

Listening Questions 2

1. How many different F1 champions have there been?
2. Who has won the most drivers' titles and how many did he win?
3. When was the first season of Formula One?
4. Name the top three constructors in terms of team titles?
5. When did Suzuka host its first race?

Transcript 1

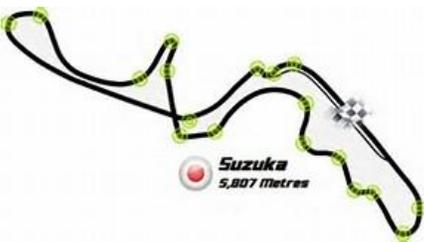
The new Formula One season starts this month, a season that will not include last year's champion Nico Rosberg.

Did you know that Nico Rosberg's father was also an F1 champion? The only other father-son pair to achieve the same feat was Graham and Damon Hill.

'Keke' Rosberg was born on December 6, 1948 and won his only drivers' title in 1982 driving for Williams. That year he won just one race. Compare that to Nico who in 2016 won 9 races, 1 less than his main rival and teammate Lewis Hamilton. Shortly after the end of the season Nico surprised the F1 world by announcing his retirement.

Graham Hill was a British driver who won a total of 14 races and two drivers' titles (1962 and 1968). In 1996 Damon also became world champion while driving for the Williams Renault team.

The late Ayrton Senna would have been 57 years old on March 21 this year. Senna was an extraordinarily talented driver who won all three of his titles with McLaren Honda. Japanese F1 fans probably remember the crashes he was involved in with Alain Prost at Suzuka in 1989 and 1990. Senna won 41 races and qualified in pole position 65 times.



Transcript 2

Throughout its history, Formula One has attracted the greatest racing drivers and teams in the world.

Thirty-three different drivers have been crowned champion, ten of them having won three or more titles. Michael Schumacher is at the top of the list with 7 titles. As for current drivers with multiple championships, Sebastian Vettel has won four, Lewis Hamilton has three and Fernando Alonso two.

Some of the world's most famous car companies have competed in F1 including Ferrari, Renault, Mercedes, Honda, Toyota, Lotus, BMW and Jaguar.

F1's first season was in 1950 and Silverstone, England hosted the first race. The only team that has raced in every season is Ferrari. The team from Maranello has won 225 races and 16 constructors' titles, the most of any team. In second and third places are Williams and McLaren with 9 and 8 titles respectively.

Suzuka is a popular track with drivers and has hosted the Japanese Grand Prix every year since 1987, except for 2007 and 2008 when the race was run at Fuji Speedway in Shizuoka.

In 2016 there were a total of 21 races and Mercedes won 19 of them. Mercedes has won both the drivers' and constructors' titles three years in a row.