

**FACE**  
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**READING GUIDE – 8<sup>TH</sup> FORM**

**CHAPTER 5 – CRASH**

**1. Read the sentences and choose the correct option.**

- a. Natalie tells Martin he can kiss her if he asks her first.

*Natalie is        **silly / strong / forceful / has high standards / easily led***

- b. Peter Mosley has his headlights on full beam and screeches the car tyres, even though it is late.

*Pete is        **inconsiderate / polite / thoughtful / selfish / rude***

- c. Matthew refuses to get in Pete's car and tells him to 'piss off.'

*Matthew is        **courageous / easily led / brave / cowardly / stupid***

- d. Martin decides to get in the car for a lift home.

*Martin is        **attention seeking / brave / foolish / silly / a leader***

- e. Mark isn't sure whether to get in the car or not, but eventually gets in with Martin.

*Mark is **indecisive / a leader / strong / foolish / a follower***

- f. Martin and Mark are excited when they are in the car, even though it isn't being driven safely.

*Martin and Mark are        **thrill-seeking / adventurous / upset / not thinking of the consequences / immature***

- g. Apache has four missing teeth and scars across his face.

*Apache is        **violent / meek / fearful / frightening / a fighter***

- h. Mark is upset and cries when Martin is stuck in the car when it crashes.

*Mark is **worried about / indifferent about / distressed about**        Martin.*

**2. Cut out the events below and stick them into your exercise book in the correct order.**

The boys see Peter Mosley, who they know from school. Peter invites the boys to go riding, but they refuse. Martin agrees to get in the car when Pete says he will just drop them at home. Matthew refuses and walks away. Mark isn't sure what to do, but in the end follows Martin.

The boys take a short cut through the Monega Estate to get back on Green Street. We know there are drugs and crime in the area because Martin steps on a used needle. The boys hear screeching tyres and smell burning rubber.

Natalie tells the boys she enjoyed the club and asks why they left so suddenly. Matthew tells her about the drug-dealer. The boys and Natalie separate, after Martin and Natalie kiss goodnight.

A police car pulls up behind them flashing its lights. Martin is angry and shouts at Pete and Apache to pull over but they are not listening. They are in a built-up area and driving very dangerously.

Pete admits to Martin that the car is stolen. Martin is angry Pete lied to them and tells him to stop but Pete ignores him. Martin notices Apache, the driver of the car, is covered in facial scars indicating he gets into lots of fights.

Apache races through a junction and is hit by another car. Pete flies through the windscreen. Apache is caught by a police officer and Mark climbs out of his side window. Martin is caught in the car as it starts to burn.