

2 Read the article. Are the statements true (T) or false (F)?

- 1** Formula 1 drivers can reach speeds of over 360 km/hour.
- 2** The Monaco Grand Prix circuit has been improved many times.
- 3** Most circuits go in a clockwise direction.
- 4** Michael Schumacher has stopped driving.
- 5** New teams are now winning the Grand Prix.

3 Read the article again and answer the questions.

- 1** Why is the Monaco Grand Prix so important?
- 2** What is special about the *Yas Marina* circuit?
- 3** What unusual event happened at the *Yas Marina* Grand Prix in 2009?
- 4** Which are the most famous teams in Formula 1?
- 5** Why does the writer think so many fans love Formula 1?

Use of English

We can use the present perfect to talk about actions that happened at a non-specific time in the past and are still important in the present.

Vocabulary

4 Complete the sentences with a word from the box.

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- 1** A _____ watches a race.
- 2** You need to buy a _____ to enter the stadium.
- 3** Cars drive around the _____ many times.
- 4** Formula 1 drivers need a good _____ to support them.
- 5** Mechanics work in the _____ during a race.

Use of English

5 Read the article again and underline all the verbs in the present perfect. Why is this tense used?

Example: Many have spent hundreds of dollars on day-passes to watch ...

