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News Review

Niki Lauda, Formula 1 legend, dies

The story

One of the best-known figures in motor racing, the three-times Formula 1 world champion Niki Lauda, has died at the age of 70. He's remembered most for his audacious recovery from a near-fatal crash at the German Grand Prix in 1976, in which he sustained major burns.

Vocabulary

remarkable

unusual and worth mentioning

- By a remarkable coincidence, Dan found a map when he was totally lost!
- Albert Einstein was remarkable for his high intelligence.

made (a) comeback

successfully returned to an activity or position of status

- After three years away, Muhammad Ali made a spectacular boxing comeback.
- Catherine's hoping that cowboy boots will soon be making a comeback.

hits (a) snag

encounters an unexpected problem

- Every time I load the programme, it hits a snag. Can you call I.T. please?
- At the meeting, they identified several snags in their sales strategy.

Language challenge

Someone who 'willingly and confidently takes risks' can be described as:

- a) meek
- b) impudent
- c) audacious

Answer

- c) audacious