

A First Look at Vocabulary

Match each term with its meaning.

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| _____ 1. publicly | a. brought into a country |
| _____ 2. mechanic | b. all the people of about the same age |
| _____ 3. military | c. typical |
| _____ 4. generation | d. in front of everyone |
| _____ 5. quality | e. part |
| _____ 6. share | f. armed forces |
| _____ 7. imported | g. level of excellence |
| _____ 8. average | h. someone who works on engines |

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Choose the best answer to complete each sentence.

- _____ 1. A large crowd came to listen when the new motorcycle was _____ introduced.
a. quietly b. publicly c. privately
- _____ 2. A good _____ can keep older Harley-Davidsons running well.
a. uniform b. biker c. mechanic
- _____ 3. The _____ used motorcycles to deliver messages during wartime.
a. military b. public c. company
- _____ 4. Now the older _____ rides Harleys as well as younger people.
a. engine b. military c. generation
- _____ 5. Because Harley-Davidsons are carefully built, they are known for their high _____.
a. symbol b. quality c. uniform
- _____ 6. A big _____ of older motorcycle riders buy Harleys.
a. share b. quality c. generation
- _____ 7. Many people buy Japanese motorcycles, which are _____ from Asia.
a. shared b. imported c. taxed
- _____ 8. The _____ Harley owner rides for pleasure.
a. public b. improved c. average

Understanding the Reading

Choose the best answer.

- _____ 1. In 1903, William Harley and Arthur Davidson began building motorcycles
 - a. in Milwaukee.
 - b. in Japan.
 - c. for the U.S. government.
- _____ 2. In 1909, Harley-Davidson introduced
 - a. a motorcycle made for the military.
 - b. the first motorcycle made in America.
 - c. the V-twin engine that is still made today.
- _____ 3. Black boots and leather jackets became popular
 - a. at the beginning of the 20th century.
 - b. in the 1940s.
 - c. in the 1970s.

Reading between the Lines

Look carefully at the reading. Mark each statement *T* for *true* or *F* for *false*.

- _____ 1. Harley-Davidson has built the same kind of engine since 1909.
- _____ 2. Today, Harley-Davidson is one of about 150 motorcycle companies in the United States.
- _____ 3. Most bikers buy Harleys because they are not expensive.
- _____ 4. In the 1940s, people bought Harleys as an act of rebellion.

When Did It Happen?

Write numbers to put the events in the order they happened.

- _____ The U.S. government began taxing imported motorcycles.
- _____ The Harley-Davidson company designed a V-twin engine.
- _____ The company began selling black boots and leather jackets.
- _____ Harley-Davidson became the last American motorcycle company.

What Do You Think?

Discuss these questions.

- 1. Why are many Harley-Davidson bikers middle-aged?
- 2. Why do police use motorcycles? Why are they sometimes better than cars?
- 3. Why do you think the government began taxing imported motorcycles in 1983? Why would Harley-Davidson ask the government to lift this tax in 1987?

A Last Look

Write about one of these topics.

- 1. Would you like to own a Harley-Davidson? Why or why not?
- 2. Do you think Harley-Davidsons are still a symbol of rebellion? Explain.