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1 NASCAR is an *acronym*, which is a word formed from the initial letters of other words. Read the text to find out what NASCAR stands for, and then use the dictionary to find definitions for the acronyms below.

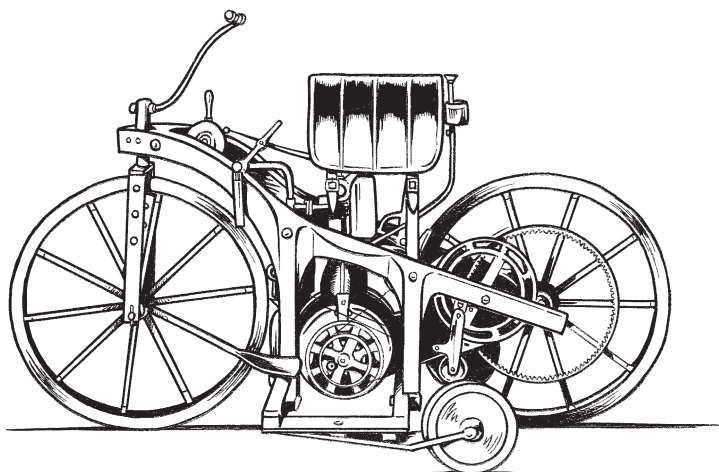
- a NASCAR _____
- b NASA _____
- c NATO _____
- d SCUBA _____
- e RADAR _____
- f QANTAS _____

2 How well did you read? Underline the false statements in red and the true statements in blue.

- a The first cars were invented in the 1890s.
- b Two men came up with practically the same idea for the car engine.
- c Jacques Villeneuve's brother is also a famous racer.
- d An Italian prince won the first international car rally.
- e NASCAR racing originated in Europe.
- f Drag racers need a parachute to help them stop.
- g Drag racers race on a track about 300m long.
- h A 17-year-old French boy was the first person to ride a motorcycle.
- i The first motorcycle had four wheels.

3 Fill in the gaps in the caption below.

The very first _____ was built by the _____ company.



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- 1 Match up the dates, events and countries where each event in the table below took place. You can use a different colour to indicate each match.

Date	Event	Country
1894	First motorcycle Grand Prix is held in Argentina.	China
1996	Jacques Villeneuve wins his first Grand Prix.	Australia
1960	Gottlieb Daimler builds the first two-wheeled motorcycle.	Italy
1868	400 athletes compete in the first Paralympic Games.	France
1968	First bicycle race is held in Paris.	Germany
1907	First ever car race is held between Paris and Rouen.	South America
1885	The first rally driving championship starts in Beijing.	France

- 2 Motocross is a *portmanteau* word — it is made up of two words that have been ‘telescoped’ together to create one new word. Show the two words used to create these portmanteau words.

a **motocross:** _____

and _____

b **brunch:** _____

and _____

c **smog:** _____

and _____

d **laundromat:** _____

and _____

