



STUDENTS AGAINST DRIVING DRUNK

One night last May, in Hackensack, New Jersey, a Ford bronco II **truck** ran into a tree and **skidded** down the **highway**. Dozens of **empty** beer bottles **fell** onto the road. The Bronco was totally ruined and its **drunken** driver killed instantly.

Surprisingly, when students arrived at Hackensack High School on May 28, they found the **wrecked** Bronco on the school parking lot. It had been brought there at the **request** of Hackensack's chapter of Students Against Driving Drunk (SADD). The group wanted to make an impact on the students at **graduation**.

The influence of these groups can be felt all over the USA. The progress is **impressive**: whilst 28,000 people died in alcohol-related car crashes in 1980, ten years later that number was down to 22,415, and in 1996 it was 17,126. Still, someone dies in a drunk-driving crash in America every 25 minutes. Traffic crashes are the number-one cause of **death** for people between the ages of 5 and 32, half of those crashes involving drunk drivers. Drunk driving remains America's tragedy.



VOCABULAIRE

truck (US) = camion
to skid = dérapier
the highway = grande route, route nationale
empty = vide
to fall (fell, fallen) = tomber
drunken = ivre
wrecked = anéanti, accidenté
request = demande
graduation = cérémonie de remise des diplômes
impressive = impressionnant
death = mort



QUESTIONS

A) What was the main cause of the accident in Hackensack?

- 1) speed
- 2) alcohol
- 3) tiredness

B) What is "SADD"?

- 1) a group against drunk driving.
- 2) the brand of the truck
- 3) a state of the USA

C) In the USA, drunk driving is...

- 1) increasing
- 2) disappearing
- 3) decreasing but it is still a main problem



REPONSES

A2 | B1 | C3

Les questions:

A) Quelle était la principale cause de l'accident d'Hackensack? La vitesse ? L'alcool ? La fatigue ?

B) Qu'est-ce que " SADD " ? Un groupe luttant contre l'alcool au volant ? La marque du camion ? Un état des Etats-Unis ?

C) Aux USA, l'alcool au volant est... en train d'augmenter ? en train de disparaître ? en train de diminuer mais c'est encore un problème important?

