

## Exploring Ayrton Senna's biography

- Por intermédio das sugestões presentes no “recurso vídeos” deste OAC, ou utilizando-se de gravuras previamente selecionadas; iniciar a aula com uma breve apresentação sobre Ayrton Senna.
- À partir daí, instigar os alunos a darem suas opiniões sobre o que eles sabem da vida e carreira do piloto. Quais suas impressões sobre sua trajetória e conquistas.
- À medida que os alunos forem relatando suas impressões sobre a trajetória de vida deste *personagem*, escrever em inglês no quadro-de-giz as palavras ou expressões utilizadas por eles. (Por exemplo: *racing driver, auto racing, racing car, pole position, champion, championship, Formula One, car crash, young, Brazilian, fans, win – won, winner, be born – was born, live – lived, life, die – died, death, good – best, etc*)
- Em seguida, distribuir aos alunos o texto:

### **AYRTON SENNA (1960 – 1994)**

*Ayrton Senna da Silva was born on March 21, 1960 in São Paulo (Brazil). He is regarded as one of the best racing drivers of all time. He had a whole life into car racing, he conquered the support from the people and he was respected by Formula 1 pundits. He had a gift for driving in easy way and for being the best everywhere. His charming, young smile made of him a real modern hero.*

*Ayrton's story about his romance with cars traces us back to his childhood, when his father - a businessman – built a little go-kart for him at home. Then, Ayrton's mobility-related problems seemed to disappear for sake so he could get in motor sport world. Supported by his father, he took part of Brazilian Karting Championship race in 1973, and he did not delay so much on proving his driving skills: he managed to first-ever win on July 1, at Interlagos.*

*Being South-American Karting champion in 1977 and World Karting vice-champion in 1980, Senna went from Brazil to Europe, where major Formulae had reserved a place for him.*

*He won the British Formula 3 championship in 1983 and made his Formula One debut with Toleman the next year. He moved to Team Lotus in 1985 and won six races there over the course of three seasons. He joined Frenchman Alain Prost at McLaren Honda in 1988 and won the Formula One World Championship.*

*He developed a heated rivalry with Prost, one of the most bitter in F1 history. Senna won the championship twice more, in 1990 and 1991, the former decided in a controversial manner by a collision in one of the final races with Prost who was then a Ferrari driver. In the next two years with McLaren, despite driving an inferior car, Senna managed to win eight races and finish runner-up for the world title in 1993.*

*He switched to the then-dominant Williams Renault team for the 1994 Formula One season, which would be his last as millions of fans who witnessed his tragic death live in global TV coverage during the 1994 San Marino Grand Prix at the Autodromo Enzo e Dino Ferrari, an auto racing circuit near the Italian town of Imola.*

*After Senna's death it was discovered that he had donated millions of dollars of his personal fortune (estimated at \$400 million at the time of his death) to children's charities, a fact that during his life he had kept secret. His foundation in Brazil, Instituto Ayrton Senna, has invested nearly US\$ 80 million over the last twelve years in social programs and actions in partnership with schools, government, NGOs, and the private sector aimed at offering children and teenagers from low-income backgrounds the skills and opportunities they need to develop to their full potential as persons, citizens and future professionals.*

*Lots of things were said since that 1st of May. Brazil cried for his idol. A research done in Brazil revealed that Senna is considered to be the greatest hero of his country. One more proof to say Ayrton is a real modern hero.*

Sources:

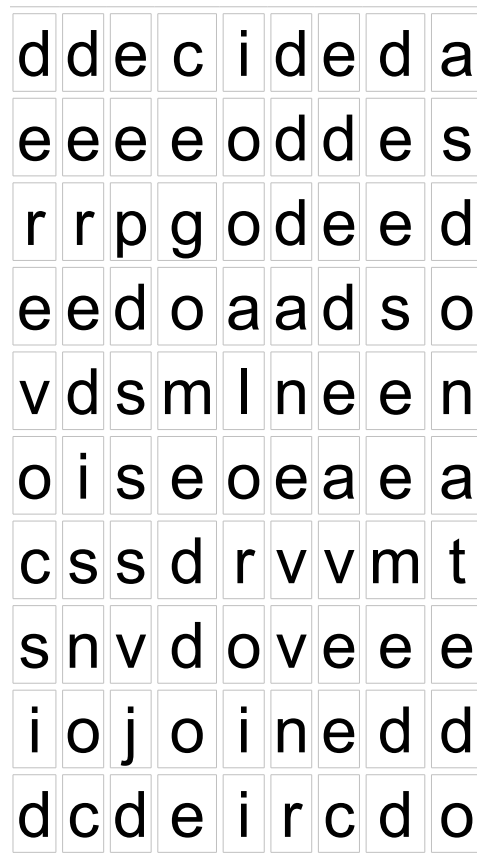
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- Os alunos, em pares, lêem o texto utilizando as técnicas de *skimming* e *scanning* e buscam responder:
  - A. Que tipo de informações a respeito de Ayrton Senna podemos encontrar no texto?
  - B. Now, answer these questions in English:
    1. When and where was Ayrton Senna born?
    2. What health problem did he have when he was a child?
    3. When Senna was still a boy, what did his father build for him?
    4. When did Ayrton win his first South American karting Championship?
    5. Ayrton joined Lotus from Toleman in 1985. What did happen over the course of three seasons (from 1985 to 1987)?
    6. How many times did he win the Formula One Championship?
    7. When and where did Ayrton Senna die?
    8. How did he die?

- **WORD SEARCH** – Find ten verbs, from the text “*Ayrton Senna*”, ending in “*ED*” :



- Match the verbs and their past tense forms according to the columns:
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|----------------|--------------|
| ( 01 ) be born | ( ) was born |
| ( 02 ) have    | ( ) had      |
| ( 03 ) make    | ( ) made     |
| ( 04 ) build   | ( ) built    |
| ( 05 ) can     | ( ) could    |
| ( 06 ) take    | ( ) took     |
| ( 07 ) go      | ( ) went     |
| ( 08 ) win     | ( ) won      |
| ( 09 ) keep    | ( ) kept     |