

LISTENING: PRE-INTERMEDIATE TO INTERMEDIATE  
**HIGH-TECH CAMEL RACING**

**BEFORE LISTENING**

Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

- What do you think of the idea of using robots in sports?
- Are there some sports that would be better than others to have robot players?

**WHILE LISTENING**

Listen and repeat the following words.

robust	prototype	tradition	adhered
heritage	punishing	advances	anticipation

Listen and fill in the gaps with the words above.



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New high-tech \_\_\_\_\_ will be introduced to the age-old sport of camel racing in the United Arab Emirates from next year. Robot jockeys are to be used instead of the \_\_\_\_\_ of using children under the age of sixteen. The first test run of a \_\_\_\_\_ robo-jockey took place in the UAE desert on April 10th. Watching with \_\_\_\_\_ were the UEA President, Prime Minister, Camel Racing Federation members, and racing fans. Engineers have been working on perfecting the robotic jockeys since 2002. Their challenge was to produce a lightweight, \_\_\_\_\_ and remote-controlled rider. Gulf countries have been under international pressure to stop using child jockeys, some as young as four, in the \_\_\_\_\_ races though desert sands. Human rights groups estimate there to be 40,000 children racing camels in the Gulf. A UAE spokesman, Shaikh Sultan, said: "with the production of the first generation of robot...the UAE will have \_\_\_\_\_ to the international regulations governing camel racing while at the same time preserving the traditional character of camel races as a popular local \_\_\_\_\_."

**AFTER LISTENING**

**TRUE or FALSE?**

1. A new virtual reality camel racing game is set to become a bestseller.
2. Robot jockeys will replace human jockeys in the UAE.
3. A prototype robot jockey was tested in the desert.
4. Gulf countries have been under pressure to stop using child jockeys/
5. Camel racing is a new tradition in the UAE.

Answer the questions in complete sentences.

1. What do you think of camel racing?
2. What should be the minimum legal age of children to work?