

**Volkswagen to recall 11 million cars**

The troubled German carmaker Volkswagen (VW) has announced it will recall around 11 million cars after the emissions tests scandal that has put the company in controversy. Some industry analysts predict the recall could cost the auto manufacturer more than \$6.5 billion. Last week, VW admitted cheating in diesel emissions tests in the United States and Europe. It manipulated data to falsely show that VW cars were a lot more fuel-efficient than they really were. The company is Europe's largest carmaker and employs over 750,000 people. It has lost more than a third of its market value on stock markets and has badly damaged its reputation as being a leader in clean energy.

Chief executives at VW could face criminal charges over the scandal. Olaf Lies, a Volkswagen board member, told the BBC TV programme Newsnight that some staff acted criminally over emission tests. He said: "Those people who allowed this to happen, or who made the decision to install this software, acted criminally. They must take personal responsibility." He added: "We only found out about the problems in the last board meeting, shortly before the media did. I want to be quite open, so we need to find out why the board wasn't informed earlier about the problems when they were known about over a year ago in the United States."



**Ex. 1 Match these Polish expressions to their English equivalents:**

1. producent samochodów	• analyst
2. branża	• carmaker
3. analityk	• data
4. dane	• industry
5. załoga	• responsibility
6. oprogramowanie	• the board
7. odpowiedzialność	• staff
8. zarząd	• software

**Ex.2 Combine the words from the two boxes to form English equivalents of the collocations given:**

board / chief / clean / criminal / emissions / market / personal / stock
+
charges / energy / executive / market / member / responsibility / test / value

1. członek zarządu \_\_\_\_\_
2. dyrektor generalny \_\_\_\_\_
3. czysta energia \_\_\_\_\_
4. zarzuty karne \_\_\_\_\_
5. test emisji \_\_\_\_\_
6. wartość rynkowa \_\_\_\_\_
7. osobista odpowiedzialność \_\_\_\_\_
8. giełda \_\_\_\_\_

***I know English idioms!***

*This lesson's topic is a scandal. A huge scandal involving one of the biggest, global carmakers. And one of our text's sentences reads: "Chief executives at VW could face criminal charges over the scandal." The sentence uses the word "face" in a rather unusual meaning, as a verb! The same verb is use in a very popular English idiom:*

- to face the music = *to receive punishment for something wrong or illegal that you have done (ponieść konsekwencje swojego postępowania, wypić nawarzonego piwa)*

e.g. The young man was forced to face the music for the crimes that he had committed.

***Phrasals, phrasals...***

*Staying in the topic of our lesson, which is illegal behaviour and facing its consequences, let's learn a phrasal verb which has a totally opposite meaning:*

- to get away with (a crime) = *to avoid punishment for whatever wrong you did (gdy coś się komus upiecze)*

e.g. The unscrupulous accountant stole a lot of company money and got away with it because nobody could catch him later.

- *And what do you think will be the final of VW scandal story: will it have to face the music or will it get away with their crime?*

***Grammar corner***

*A sentence in this lesson's text reads: "Those people who allowed this to happen, or who made the decision to install this software, acted criminally." The underlined word is an adverb (przysłówek) and its function is to complement the meaning of the verb. As we remember, most adverbs are formed by adding the ending "-ly" to an adjective.*

***Ex. Decide if these sentences need an adverb and write it where necessary:***

1. He was a very quick worker. He worked very quick.
2. She bought the house cheap and sold it at a higher price.
3. Who told you that everything in life comes easy?
4. Why did he answer my question so rude?

GLOSSARY	
to recall	wycofać
troubled	przeżywający trudności
carmaker	producent samochodów
to announce	ogłosić, oświadczyć
emission	emisja
controversy	kontrowersje
industry	branża
analyst	analityk
to predict	przewidywać
manufacturer	wytwórca
to admit	przyznać
to cheat	oszukiwać
data	dane
false	fałszywie
fuel-efficient	ekonomiczny (energooszczędny)
to employ	zatrudniać
market value	wartość rynkowa
stock market	giełda
to damage	zniszczyć
clean energy	czysta energia
chief executive	dyrektor generalny
to face	stawiać czoła
criminal charges	zarzuty karne
board member	członek zarządu
staff	załoga
to allow	pozwolić
to happen	dziać się, wydarzyć
to install	zainstalować
software	oprogramowanie
to take responsibility	wziąć odpowiedzialność
personal	osobisty
to add	dodać
to find out	dowiedzieć się
board meeting	posiedzenie zarządu
shortly	niedługo

**ANSWER KEY**

Ex.1

1. producent samochodów	carmaker
2. branża	industry
3. analityk	analyst
4. dane	data
5. załoga	staff
6. oprogramowanie	software
7. odpowiedzialność	responsibility
8. zarząd	the board

Ex.2

1. board member
2. chief executive
3. clean energy
4. criminal charges
5. emissions test
6. market value
7. personal responsibility
8. stock market

Ex. Grammar corner

1. He was a very quick worker. He worked very quick**ly**.
2. She bought the house cheap**ly** and sold it at a higher price.
3. Who told you that everything in life comes easy?
4. Why did he answer my question so rud**ely**?