Unit 26 — English for Moto GP/Motorbike

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Apex

The middle of a turn.

"The rider aimed for the apex of the corner, using precise steering and throttle control to maintain speed and minimize the distance traveled, ensuring optimal performance."

Brakes

Stops the bike.

"The rider used the brakes to slow down before the turn, which required a delicate balance of pressure and timing to avoid losing control."

Crash

An accident.

"The rider had a crash but was lucky to walk away without serious injuries because of their leathers and helmet, reinforcing the importance of safety measures."

Engine

The motor of the bike.

"The mechanic checked the engine to make sure it was running smoothly before the race, which is crucial for performance and reliability on the track."

Fairing

The bike's outer shell.

"The fairing was designed to reduce wind resistance, improving the bike's aerodynamics and allowing it to reach higher speeds with greater stability."

Gears

Speeds of the bike.

"The rider shifted gears to accelerate out of the corner, finding the right balance between power and control to maximize speed and efficiency."

Grip

Tire Adherence to Track

"The rider needed good grip on the tires to control the bike in wet conditions, as it was crucial for maintaining speed and avoiding accidents."

Helmet

Protective headwear.

"The rider always wears a helmet to protect their head in case of an accident, especially when going down the track at excessive speeds."

Lap

One circuit of the track.

"The rider completed another lap, maintaining a consistent pace and focusing on conserving energy for the final stretch of the race, which was the most critical time."

Leathers

Protective suit.

"Professional motorcyclists wear leathers to protect their skin from injury during high-speed crashes and ensure that their equipment remains intact."

Overtake

To pass another rider.

"The rider executed a daring overtake on the inside of the corner, demonstrating precise control and bravery to gain a position in the race, with a calculated risk."

Paddock

Area for teams and bikes.

"The paddock was buzzing with activity as the teams prepared the bikes for the race, making last-minute adjustments and ensuring everything was perfect."

Pit Stop

Changing tires or refuel

"The rider came in for a quick pit stop to change tires, a strategic move that could improve performance but also cost valuable time in the race so it must be fast."

Podium

The winner's stage.

"The winner stood on the podium, celebrating their victory with a trophy and champagne after a thrilling race, which marked the pinnacle of achievement."

Qualifying

Session to set race order.

"The rider pushed hard in qualifying to secure a good starting position on the grid, recognizing the importance of being near the front for the race start."

Suspension

System that absorbs bumps.

"The mechanic adjusted the suspension to improve the bike's handling on the bumpy track, aiming to provide the rider with more comfort and control."

Throttle

Controls the speed.

"The rider twisted the throttle to increase speed on the straightaway, precisely managing the power output to gain an advantage over competitors."

Tires

Rubber wheels.

"The team changed the tires to ensure maximum grip on the track, allowing the racer to take corners quickly and safely in varying conditions."

Track

The racing road.

"The Moto GP track was challenging, with sharp turns and long straightaways that tested the riders skills and the bike's performance."

Warm Up

Practice before the race.

"The riders did a warm up to test the track conditions and the bike's performance before the race, making final adjustments based on the feedback."