

Are women better drivers than men?

1. Fill in the gaps with the correct word from the box below.

*Overall *overtaking *for example *indecisive *awareness *reasons *In particular
*confidence *calm *responsible *Secondly *aggressive *However *views
*therefore *cautious *personality

1 Some people believe that women are better drivers than men. (1) _____ others think that women make worse drivers. In one survey of 3000 male drivers in the UK, most felt they were better drivers than the woman in their lives. The idea that women make worse drivers is a stereotype. It comes from a time when women drove less than men. There are different (2) _____ on this controversial question, although there are number of (3) _____ why a woman's personality makes her a more competent driver.

2 Firstly, women are more patient and polite towards other road users, such as pedestrians and cyclists. In stressful situations they are more likely to stay (4) _____ and less likely to be involved in road rage incidents. (5) _____ female drivers are more (6) _____ and therefore take fewer risks for instance when (7) _____. Thirdly, they are more (8) _____ so they tend not to drive when they are tired at night.

3 On the other hand, many people argue that women cause accidents because they can be (9) _____. Or react slowly because they lack (10) _____. In addition they are easily distracted (11) _____, by children in the car, scenery or other drivers. Research shows that women find map reading more difficult than men, and they can have problems with the difference between left and right. Despite the fact that women have more accidents, they tend to be minor and so they don't result in expensive insurance claims. (12) _____ women have more accidents when parking. This is because women often have poor spatial (13) _____. In contrast, men tend to have more serious accident.

4 To sum up, it can be seen that women make safe drivers than men because of their (14) _____. This is supported by the fact that women have fewer serious accidents. (15) _____, it is clear that women are less competitive and (16) _____ than men behind the wheel and (17) _____ they are better drivers.

2. Based on the passage above, identify the type of paragraphs then match ideas A-D with paragraphs 1 - 4:

- A- Conclusion and opinion
- B- Arguments for
- C- Introduce the topic
- D- Arguments against

Paragraph



3. **Linkers:** Look at the linking words in the table below and decide which of them are used to do the following, then drag the answer to match with the heading of the linkers

Show Contrast

Introduce examples

Introduce a Conclusion

List/Add Points

To sum up	such as	however	Firstly
Overall	for instance	although	Secondly
All in All	for example	on the other hand	Thirdly
To conclude	in particular	despite the fact	In addition
In conclusion	specially	in contrast	moreover

