

Read the text and do the tasks. There are 3 types of tasks in the text:

1) use the correct form:

'Passenger Play' feature allows games to _____ (play) ANSWER: **BE PLAYED**

2) choose the correct form:

'Passenger Play' feature allows games to be played while the vehicle *are moving* *is moving*

3) word formation:

Tesla faces new _____ probe into dashboard video games **SAFE**
Answer: **SAFETY**

Tesla faces new safety **probe** into dashboard video games

'Passenger Play' feature allows games to be played while the vehicle is moving

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Vince Patton demonstrates how he can play games while the car is moving CREDIT: Gillian Flaccus/ AP

Tesla is being investigated by US authorities for _____ (allow) video games to be played on the dashboard while vehicles _____ (be) moving.

The "Passenger Play" feature is used in about 580,000 Teslas in the US. **Concerns were raised / have been raised** that drivers themselves can play games while the car is moving, or _____ (distract) by passengers playing on the car's large central touchscreen.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) said it did not have any records of _____ or accidents linked to the feature but would **INJURE** investigate after receiving a _____. **COMPLAIN**

Vince Patton, a driver in Oregon, wrote to the agency saying: "Creating a dangerous _____ for the driver is **recklessly** negligent." **DANGER**

Tesla has allowed games to be played while its cars are being driven after a software update it began _____ (issue) last December.

People can play Solitaire, a shooting game called Sky Force Reloaded, and a strategy title called the Battle of Polytopia.

Previously, the games *have been/were* only available when the car was parked. Users must **confirm** that they are not driving the car, but this is only checked *with pressing/by pressing* a button.

"This functionality, referred to as 'Passenger Play,' may **distract** the driver and increase the risk of a crash," wrote the NHTSA, which is part of the US Department of _____. **TRANSPORT**

It will decide whether to open an in-depth investigation after a preliminary evaluation.

Teslas do not have _____ **gauges** or displays **TRADITION** above **the steering wheel**, meaning driver information and satellite navigation is largely available on the central touchscreen where games can also be played. Mr. Patton said the games *took down/took up* two thirds of the screen.

Tesla *has faced/faced* increasing **scrutiny** over safety in recent months, particularly the _____ of its driver assistance software, Autopilot, **RELY** and its early tests of more advanced _____ systems. **DRIVE**

Elon Musk, the world's richest person, *according with/according to* Bloomberg, with a net worth of \$245bn, Tesla's chief executive, has suggested _____ (introduce) games that people can play while they drive that interact with the road, allowing _____ to **MOTOR** continue *to pay/to give* attention to driving.

The NHTSA opened an investigation into Autopilot in August after multiple crashes involving emergency services **vehicles**.

Look at the green words in bold in the text and connect them to the definitions:

probe concern reckless confirm gauges /geɪdʒɪz/

the steering wheel distract scrutiny vehicle /'viːkəl/

1) careful and thorough examination of someone or something

2) not caring or worrying about the possible bad or dangerous results of your actions

3) an investigation in which many questions are asked to discover the truth about something

4) you turn this to control the direction of a car

5) to take someone's attention away from something by making them look at or listen to something else

6) a feeling of worry about something important

7) diagnostic tools that the car uses to display information about its various systems

8) to say that something is definitely true

9) a machine with an engine that is used to take people or things from one place to another, such as a car, bus, or truck

Use the words from the text to fill in the gaps in the sentences:

vehicle distract reckless concern scrutiny
the steering wheel gauges confirm gauge probe

- 1) The important _____ are always in front of the driver: a rev-counter, an analogue speedometer, the temperature _____ and so on.
- 2) The airbag is located beneath _____.
- 3) Electric _____s are very popular and believed to create less pollution.
- 4) Our main _____ has always been affordability.
- 5) The NBI has been ordered _____ to into the hacking of government websites.
- 6) His identity was _____ed through fingerprint evidence.
- 7) The scandal immediately attracted some media _____.
- 8) Do not _____ the operator while train is in motion.
- 9) He later spent five months in jail for _____ driving.