

11 Writing

- A. What is the legal driving age in your country? In other countries? Read about getting a driver's license in Canada. In groups, discuss whether you think this is a good system.

In most provinces of Canada, the legal age to start driving an automobile is 16. However, new drivers must successfully complete several stages before they get a full license.

L New drivers must first pass a written exam to ensure that they understand the rules of the road. Then they are issued a Learner's License. They are able to drive only under the supervision of an adult for one year, and they must place an **L** sign on the back of the car.

N When young drivers are ready, they must pass a road test with an examiner. Then they are issued a Novice License. They are able to drive on their own or with one passenger in the car, and they must display an **N** sign on the back of the car. After two years of safe driving as a novice, they must pass another road test to get a full license.

- B. Complete the sentences with words from the box. Find the meaning of any new words.

reflexes immature responsible accident distracted impulses rage attention

- Due to the fact that many adolescents are unable to control their emotions and _____, they are prone to road _____.
- Teenagers are easily _____ by their cell phone or by other people in the car. As a result, they don't pay careful _____ to the road.
- Teenagers are still mentally young and _____. For this reason, they are not _____ drivers.
- Since adolescents don't have much experience behind the wheel, they don't have the _____ to react quickly. Consequently, they are more likely to cause an _____ than an experienced driver.



Writing Corner

- Use phrases to express cause/reason: *because (of), since, as, and due to.*
- Use phrases to express result: *for this reason, as a result, and consequently.*

- C. Complete the chart with notes about why the legal driving age should be over 16.

Reasons	Results

- D. Write an essay to argue why the driving age in some countries should be raised to 18 or older. Use your notes from the chart and ideas from this unit.