



Student's Name: _____

Date: _____

Teacher's Name: _____

Listening:

Listen to the conversations. Then write A, B, or C to correctly complete the statements.

Conversation A

1. The driver decides to rent _____

- a) a compact car
- b) a sedan
- c) a van

2. One of the van's _____ doesn't work.

- a) turn signals
- b) headlights
- c) side-view mirrors

3. October 5th is _____

- a) the pick-up date
- b) the drop-off date
- c) a Wednesday

Conversation B

4. The woman reserved a _____

- a) sports car
- b) convertible
- c) station wagon

5. The man has trouble finding _____

- a) her reservation
- b) The car she wants
- c) any available car

6. The drop-off date is _____

- a) February 11
- b) February 12
- c) February 13

Grammar

Complete the paragraph using the past continuous or the simple past tense of the verb provided.

Laurel _____ (see) an accident while she _____ (go) to work this morning. She _____ (walk) down the street, and she _____ (look) up just in time to see that a sports car _____ (speed) down the road. Suddenly, an SUV _____ (turn) onto the street in front of it. The driver of the sports car _____ (try) to stop, but it was too late. The sports car _____ (hit) the SUV.

Reading

Read the article. Then choose T for true or F for false in each statement.

1. Drivers who hold their cell phones have more accidents than drivers who use headsets.

2. Drivers who are talking on the phone respond more slowly to road signs and people on the road.

3. When you talk on a cell phone, you don't see everything on the road.

4. Drivers talking on cell phones aren't completely paying attention to driving.

5. The article suggests that you pull over to the side of the road when making a call.

Driving, Safety, and Your Cell Phone

Many accidents occur every day simply because drivers fail to pay attention. One thing that takes drivers' attention away from the road is talking on cell phones.

Because talking on cell phones can cause accidents, in some places it is illegal to hold a cell phone while you are driving. Many people use headsets so they can talk on the phone and keep both hands on the steering wheel.

However, studies show that using a headset while driving does *not* reduce the chance of having an accident. In fact, people using headsets have as many accidents as people using handheld cell phones. The reason is this: When people talk on the phone, they are not concentrating on what is happening on the road and around them. They can *see*

everything, but they aren't really paying attention, and they aren't focused on driving. Drivers who are talking on the phone are slower to respond to things like stop signs or a person walking into the street.

So keep your attention on the road and stay off the phone. Remember that driving requires your full attention. But if you must use your cell phone while driving, here are some safety tips:

- Use your cell phone only if it is absolutely necessary.
- Tell the person you're speaking to that you're driving.
- If possible, pull over to the side of the road when making or answering a call.
- Keep your conversation short.

Writing

Write a paragraph about someone you know who is a very good or a very bad driver. Discuss his/her driving habits.