

Lessons 5-6 Technology in transport – driverless cars

1 Read these extracts from the text. Answer the questions.

Why is driverless technology such a key area? For one thing, people feel it can be safer. A high percentage of road accidents are caused by human error, so if the process is completely automatic, this risk is removed.

Of course, some people don't think this is a good idea. They argue that just as humans can cause accidents when they are tired, distracted, or driving too quickly, driverless cars could have problems if the technology stops working properly. We've all had moments when phones or computers don't work as well as they should, but the consequences for a car would be worse.

1 What are a lot of road accidents caused by?

2 Why do some people think that driverless technology is safer?

3 When are humans most likely to make mistakes?

4 What problems could computers have?

5 Why is it worse if the computer in a driverless car doesn't work properly?

