Dangerous Driving

In this section you will express your opinion about the use of cellphones while driving.

In order to do this you will:

- learn about dangerous driving habits
- learn about Cause and Effect
- use new vocabulary

Getting into Focus

A You are going to read an article about texting while driving. The words and expressions below are from the article. Read the sentences and choose the correct translation.

1. The truck caused an accident.
   a. גרמה / سبّبت b. מנעה / منعت
2. I don't text when I'm driving.
   a. מעשן / أدخن b. שולח מסרונים / أرسل الرسائل النصّية
3. He lost control of the car.
   a. לא היה יכול למצוא / لم يستطع أن يجد b. איבד שליטה על / فقد السيطرة على
4. The car was coming in his direction.
   a. לכיוונו / باتجاهه b. משמאל / من جهة اليسار
5. He was badly injured in the accident.
   a. נהרג / قُتل b. נפצע קשה / أصيب بجراح بالغة
6. More and more people are shopping online.
   a. יותר ויותר / أكثر فأكثر b. פחות או יותר / على وجه التقريب
7. Don't drive when you are under the influence of alcohol!
   a. תחת השפעת / تحت تأثير b. שותה / يشرب
8. He was driving with one hand on the steering wheel.
   a. הנה / مقود b. מושב / مقعد
9. You mustn't take your eyes off the road.
   a. להסתכל על / ينظر إلى b. להסיר את מבטך / تزيح نظرك
10. Studies show that eating breakfast is good for your health.
    a. מחקרים / دراسات b. מדענים / علماء
11. I can't focus on the road with this loud music.
    a. לנהוג / قيادة السيارة b. להתרכז ב- / التركز على

B The words below are also from the article. First put them in alphabetical order in your notebook. Then look up the meaning of the words in your dictionary.

receive	brakes	research (n)	dangerous	among
message	crash (v)	even	serious	likely

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Now read the article. In which paragraph would you find information about:

a. problems with teen drivers b. Tammy's car crash c. studies on texting and driving

TEXTING WHILE DRIVING

THE ACCIDENT

Tammy Ford, an 18-year-old from a small town in Texas, caused a terrible accident. She received this message while she was driving: *2moro party @ 10.* It was from her friend, Jane. She quickly texted her an answer. All she wrote was: *gr8.* It took exactly two seconds, but in that time, Tammy lost control of the car. Before she knew it, she was driving on the other side of the road. A taxi driver saw Tammy's car coming in his direction. He put his foot on the brakes, but it was too late to stop. The cars crashed. The taxi driver was killed and Tammy was badly injured.

RESEARCH

Every year, more and more accidents are caused by people who text while they drive. Research shows that people who drive and text have 23 times more crashes than other people. Texting is even more dangerous than driving under the influence of alcohol. In fact, experts say that drivers who text have six times more car crashes than drunk drivers. Why is it so dangerous to text and drive? When drivers send text messages, they take their hands off the steering wheel and their eyes off the road.

YOUNG DRIVERS

The problem of texting while driving is especially serious among teenagers. Studies in the U.S. show that 51 percent of young people text while they drive. This means that they are more likely to cause accidents than other drivers. They are a danger to themselves and to other people on the road.

So here is our advice to all you young drivers: Focus on the road and don't read or send text messages while you drive.

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C Read the tip below. Then say who or what the pronouns in bold refer to.

Reading Tip

Pronouns can refer to words that come earlier in a sentence.

Tammy received this message while **she** *was driving.* (**She** refers to Tammy.)

1. **It** was from her friend, Jane. (line 4)
2. She quickly texted **her** an answer. (lines 4-5)
3. He put **his** foot on the brakes, but it was too late to stop. (lines 9-10)
4. Every year, more and more accidents are caused by people who text while **they** drive. (line 13)
5. When drivers send text messages, **they** take their hands off the steering wheel. (lines 17-18)
6. **They** are a danger to themselves and to other people on the road. (lines 21-22)

D Answer the questions in your notebook.

1. In lines 1-12 the writer … .
   a. discusses the driving habits of taxi drivers
   b. gives an example of the dangers of texting while driving
   c. expresses his opinion of texting and driving
2. What do we learn about texting and driving in lines 13-18?
   a. why it's so popular
   b. how many accidents have been caused by this behavior
   c. why it causes so many accidents
3. a. Which dangerous driving habits are compared in lines 13-18?
   b. What did you learn from this comparison?
   COMPLETE THE SENTENCE.
   Drivers who text are six times more likely … .
4. COMPLETE THE SENTENCE.
   According to lines 19-22, about half of the teens in the U.S. … .
5. At the end of the article, the writer … .
   a. gives advice
   b. complains
   c. makes a promise
6. a. Where would you most likely find this article?
   a. in the newspaper b. in a teen magazine c. in a sports magazine
   b. Which words helped you answer?
7. Another title for this article could be … .
   a. Fasten Your Seatbelt b. Texting Can Kill c. How to Text Safely

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