

FESTIVE TV SHOWN THE DOOR BY ANGRY MOTHER

LIZ MACE saw red when her husband and five children sat slumped in front of their 14" television instead of helping to decorate the Christmas tree. Mrs Mace, 40, **stormed** into the living room and wrenched the set from its socket. Then she carried it to the front door, lifted it over her head and threw it out of the house.

The sound of it smashing as it rolled down the front steps **6** the desired effect. The family began hanging decorations on the 7ft tree. Mrs Mace has not **repented** her actions.

She said, 'Michael and the children are rather upset **7** me. I was cooking a hot meal and asked them to decorate our new tree but instead all six remained slumped on the settee in front of the television. I **5** much better afterwards.'

The family have no spare set, so Christmas looks **8** being rather quiet for her and their children, who are **9** more board games than they expected. A worried Lucy, 13, said 'I may have to sneak round to friends' houses to catch up on the programmes I want to watch.'

1. Without changing the meaning, the word, '**repented**', could be replaced with
 - reported
 - repeated
 - regretted
 - forgiven
2. The **main** purpose of the text is to
 - entertain
 - review
 - advise
 - instruct
3. Where would you expect to find this text?
 - In a travel brochure
 - In a library
 - In a newspaper
 - In a blog
4. Which word would be most suitable to replace '**stormed**' in the first paragraph
 - stepped
 - came
 - follow
 - burst
5. Which words would be most suitable to fit the space
 - had felt
 - was feeling
 - felt
 - feel

Circle the correct word to fill the gap in the text

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| 6. | did | won | achieved |
| 7. | over | with | for |
| 8. | like | to | after |
| 9. | facing | doing | playing |



MENACE AT THE WHEEL?

Mobile Phones

The government should ban the use of mobile phones at the wheel to cut road deaths according to a recent annual survey of motorists' opinions. Although nearly 50% of drivers in the report admitted using mobiles in their cars, 42% supported a ban and, 31% wanted better policing to cut down on the use of mobiles in cars. Police have resisted a ban because of the extra resources **it** would need.

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Other answers on the survey showed that three quarters of the 1,350 drivers questioned approved of speed cameras. However, most of those who **15** by speed cameras said they had never received a ticket.

The results of this 2002 survey show that the main cause of accidents was thought to be driving too fast. In a similar report in 1994, drink-driving was rated as the main cause.

Road Rage

An increasing number of motorists find themselves being abused by angry drivers. If you find yourself in this situation, do not return any abuse or make offensive gestures. Try to **16** that you are sorry. Avoid eye contact with the other motorist as this could make things worse.

10. What is **it** referring to on the topic of mobile phones
 - The number of police
 - The banning of mobile use at the wheel
 - Better policing
11. Would you describe this text as?
 - An article
 - A blog
 - An instruction
 - An advert
12. Would you describe the text as?
 - funny
 - informative
 - frightening
 - biased
13. What heading would you choose for the second topic
 - main causes
 - speed cameras
 - drink driving
 - accidents
14. Which topic makes use of the **imperative**
 - Mobile phones
 - Second topic
 - Road Rage
15. Which words would be most suitable to complete the sentence
 - had been flashing
 - had been flashed
 - were flashing
 - flashed
16. Which word would be most suitable to complete the sentence
 - complain
 - indicate
 - tell
 - inform