

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.



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.



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

1. Due to the fact that many adolescents are unable to control their emotions and _____, they are prone to road _____.
2. 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.
3. Teenagers are still mentally young and _____. For this reason, they are not _____ drivers.
4. 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

1. Use phrases to express cause/reason: *because (of), since, as, and due to*.
2. 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

