

## GRAMMAR

Circle a, b, or c.

- I walk to work. It's \_\_\_\_\_ than going by car.  
(a) more healthy (b) as healthy (c) healthier
- Cycling isn't \_\_\_\_\_ people think.  
(a) as dangerous as (b) as dangerous than (c) so dangerous than
- This is \_\_\_\_\_ time of day for traffic jams.  
(a) the most bad (b) the worse (c) the worst
- My wife is a much safer driver than \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) I (b) me (c) my
- What \_\_\_\_\_ beautiful day!  
(a) a (b) - (c) an
- I never drink coffee after \_\_\_\_\_ dinner.  
(a) - (b) the (c) an
- \_\_\_\_\_ are usually good language learners.  
(a) The women (b) Women (c) Woman
- We've decided to visit the UK \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) the next summer (b) next summer (c) the summer next
- Entrance is free. You \_\_\_\_\_ pay anything.  
(a) don't have to (b) mustn't (c) should
- I'll \_\_\_\_\_ work harder if I want to pass.  
(a) must (b) should (c) have to
- I don't think I \_\_\_\_\_ have a dessert. I've already eaten too much!  
(a) must (b) should (c) have to
- You \_\_\_\_\_ switch on your phone until the plane has landed.  
(a) don't have to (b) mustn't (c) must
- We won't \_\_\_\_\_ come to the party.  
(a) can (b) be able (c) be able to
- When he was five he \_\_\_\_\_ already swim.  
(a) can (b) could (c) was able
- My mother has never \_\_\_\_\_ cook well.  
(a) been able to (b) could (c) be able to

## VOCABULARY

a Complete the compound nouns with a singular or plural noun.

- Slow down! The speed \_\_\_\_\_ is 100.
- I won't start the car until you've all put on your seat \_\_\_\_\_.
- It's not a very good town for cyclists – there are very few cycle \_\_\_\_\_.
- Try to avoid using the Tube between 8.00 and 9.30 a.m. – it's the \_\_\_\_\_ hour.
- There's a taxi \_\_\_\_\_ at the station.

b Complete with a preposition.

- We arrived \_\_\_\_\_ Prague at 5.30.
- I apologized \_\_\_\_\_ being late.
- I'm not very keen \_\_\_\_\_ horror films.
- My son is good \_\_\_\_\_ speaking languages.
- This song reminds me \_\_\_\_\_ my holiday.

c Complete with the correct word.

- We were late because we got stuck in a terrible traffic \_\_\_\_\_ jam.
- I've hired a van \_\_\_\_\_ to take my things to my new flat.
- We're going to drive to Dover and get the ferry \_\_\_\_\_ to France.
- We're going to start \_\_\_\_\_ off early, before it gets dark.
- How long does it take \_\_\_\_\_ to get from here to the airport?

d Circle the correct adjective.

- The match ended 0–0. It was really bored / boring.
- It was the most frightened / frightening experience I've ever had.
- We're very excited / exciting about our holiday!
- I'm a bit disappointed / disappointing with my exam results.
- This news programme is too depressed / depressing. Turn it off.

e Complete the words.

- I'm not in at the moment. Please \_\_\_\_\_ a message.
- The line's engaged. Please hold. \_\_\_\_\_
- I was in the middle of talking to him and he just hung \_\_\_\_\_ up!
- We swam \_\_\_\_\_ through hundreds of their holiday photos.
- I hate it when people have really loud ringtones \_\_\_\_\_ on their mobiles!

## PRONUNCIATION

a Practise the words and sounds.

Vowel sounds



computer ear boy bike

Consonant sounds



chess jazz thumb mother girl

b P p.166–7 Sound Bank Say more words for each sound.

c What sound in a do the pink letters have in these words?

- arrive
- engaged
- message
- Underground
- with

d Underline the stressed syllable.

- mo|torway
- dis|appointed
- pe|des|trian
- voice|mail
- em|ba|rrassing

## CAN YOU understand this text?

a Read the article once. Choose the correct heading for each paragraph A–F.

- 1 Don't be a selfish DJ
- 2 Don't tolerate dangerous driving
- 3 Be a good co-pilot
- 4 Don't distract the driver
- 5 Wear your seatbelt
- 6 Don't be rude

b Read the article again with the headings. Are you a good passenger? How many of the things do you sometimes do or not do?

## ▶ CAN YOU understand these people?

▶ 4.21 Watch or listen and choose a, b, or c.



1 Nick 2 Butterfly 3 Coleen 4 Jenny 5 Linwood

- 1 Nick thinks the most enjoyable way to travel in London is \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) by Tube (b) by bus (c) by bike
- 2 Butterfly thinks that \_\_\_\_\_ at looking after small children.  
(a) men are better than women  
(b) women are better than men  
(c) men and women are equally good
- 3 Coleen thinks that women are more interested in \_\_\_\_\_ than men.  
(a) sport (b) fashion (c) gossip
- 4 Jenny speaks \_\_\_\_\_ languages.  
(a) one (b) two (c) three
- 5 What Linwood finds really annoying is people who use their phones \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) on public transport  
(b) in the street  
(c) in restaurants

## CAN YOU say this in English?

Tick (✓) the box if you can do these things.

Can you...?

- 1 ☐ compare different types of public transport in your town / country
- 2 ☐ talk about typical stereotypes of men and women and say if you think they are true
- 3 ☐ talk about things which are / aren't good manners in your country
- 4 ☐ describe something you would like to be able to do, but have never been able to

## How to be the perfect car passenger

With the holidays just about to start and millions of cars hitting the roads at once, now's the time to consider how car passengers can help drivers. Think about how you would like your passengers to behave if you were the driver – this will make you more conscious of your actions while being a passenger yourself.



A

Don't wait for the driver to tell you to put it on, or refuse to put it on when asked to.

B

Advise the driver on the best route to take. However, don't shout or advise them too close to a turning, as this can make the driver panic or turn suddenly, leading to a possible accident.

C

You can always comment on someone's driving, as long as it's a friendly suggestion. But don't attack the driver about their driving, especially if they're inexperienced. Let them take their time and drive the way that is most comfortable for them, not you.

D

Talking to the driver helps to pass the time and stops them from falling asleep. However, talking too loudly or singing along to the radio can distract the driver and possibly cause an accident.

E

Listening to the radio while driving makes the journey more enjoyable. However, don't assume that the driver wants to listen to everything that you want to listen to. It's better to allow the driver to choose the style of music. If the driver needs to concentrate, help them by turning the volume down, and don't have the radio on too loud in general.

F

You deserve to feel safe and be treated with consideration. If you notice that the driver is going above the speed limit, don't immediately shout at them, as they might not be aware of it themselves. However, if you can see that the driver is speeding and not driving safely, you should tell them to slow down and drive more carefully.

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