Listen, read and complete the sentences.

What Is the Right Age to Start Driving a Car?

In the past in New Zealand, children as young as 15 could get behind the wheel in the countryside. One reason for this was that many years ago, young workers needed to get to farms where they worked. Today you have to be over sixteen to drive.

In the USA the minimum driving age in most states is 16. Many people feel this is too young and they want to increase it by a year at least.

In the UK you have to wait until you are 17 years old before you can drive, but some people still think this is too young.

A lot of people believe that young drivers are dangerous and haven't got enough experience. However, some parents say their children are safer driving than using public transport. So, is there a right age to start driving?

What's the minimum driving age in your country?

Should it change?



I agree that we need to do something to make our roads safer. However, I believe that we need to improve the way we teach all new drivers, not just the young ones. For example, if drivers complete at least a year of lessons before they take their test, the minimum age can be 16.

Vera Cotter, Wolverhampton, UK

In my opinion, we must reduce the number of young people who are killed and injured on our roads. I believe that the driving age should be 18. This means that all drivers will be adults.

Robert Hood, Philadelphia, USA



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1. In _____ you could become a driver at fifteen.

2. In the USA you can drive at the age of 16 in _____ .

3. You can drive a car in the UK at the age of _____ .

4. Robert Hood thinks people shouldn't drive before the age of _____ .

5. Vera Cotter thinks new drivers should only take their test after _____ .

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A. Complete the dialogue with the words in the box.

annoying humour quick-tempered stubborn confident

Vicky: What do you think of Tanya?

Tina: I think she's a bit (1) _____, actually.

Vicky: What do you mean?

Tina: Well, she often shouts at me and my friends. She's also very (2) _____.

Vicky: That's true. There's no way you can change her mind about anything.

Tina: She's got a good sense of (3) _____ though.

Vicky: Yeah, did you hear her joke about the rabbit? That was funny.

Tina: But she can sometimes be a bit (4) _____. I forgot to bring one of her books to class today and she got really angry.

Vicky: Oh dear!

Tina: Anyway, are you ready for the exam tomorrow?

Vicky: Well, I'm not very (5) _____ about this one.

Tina: Don't worry. You always do well.

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