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## **Level 1**

### **Mobile phone ban while crossing roads in Honolulu**

**31st July, 2017**

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**Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.**

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# THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1707/170731-phone-zombies-1.html>

Honolulu will soon ban people from walking across the road while using mobile phones. The new law starts in October. It says no one can cross a street or road while looking at mobile phones, tablets and digital cameras. There is a \$15-\$35 fine. People who break the law for a second time will get a \$99 fine. Honolulu's mayor said the law was because there were many injuries and deaths when pedestrians use mobile devices.

People who text while walking are called "phone zombies". The ban is so people know more about the dangers of texting while walking. The mayor said there were too many accidents in Honolulu. He added that if people had more common sense, he would not have to pass this law. Another lawmaker said we have a lot of technology today but we forget about staying safe. The new law is like one that bans texting while driving.

Sources: <http://www.govtech.com/policy/Honolulu-Distracted-Walking-Law-Outlaws-Texting-within-Crosswalks.htm>  
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# PHRASE MATCHING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1707/170731-phone-zombies-1.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                             |                       |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. The new law starts       | a. fine               |
| 2. It says no one can cross | b. and deaths         |
| 3. There is a \$15-\$35     | c. time               |
| 4. break the                | d. use mobile devices |
| 5. for a second             | e. in October         |
| 6. Honolulu's               | f. law                |
| 7. there were many injuries | g. mayor              |
| 8. pedestrians              | h. a street or road   |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |   |                    |
|---|--------------------|
| 1. People who text while walking are called | a. today           |
| 2. The ban is so people                     | b. "phone zombies" |
| 3. there were too                           | c. texting         |
| 4. if people had more common                | d. law             |
| 5. pass this                                | e. safe            |
| 6. we have a lot of technology              | f. many accidents  |
| 7. we forget about staying                  | g. know            |
| 8. one that bans                            | h. sense           |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1707/170731-phone-zombies-1.html>

Honolulu (1) \_\_\_\_\_ ban people from walking (2) \_\_\_\_\_ while using mobile phones. The new law starts in October. It says (3) \_\_\_\_\_ cross a street or road while looking at mobile phones, tablets and digital cameras. There is a \$15-\$35 fine. People (4) \_\_\_\_\_ law for a second time will get a \$99 fine. Honolulu's mayor said (5) \_\_\_\_\_ because there were many (6) \_\_\_\_\_ when pedestrians use mobile devices.

People who text while (7) \_\_\_\_\_ called "phone zombies". The (8) \_\_\_\_\_ people know more about the (9) \_\_\_\_\_ while walking. The mayor said there were too many accidents in Honolulu. He added that if people had more (10) \_\_\_\_\_, he would not have to pass this law. Another lawmaker said we have a lot of technology today but we (11) \_\_\_\_\_ staying safe. The new (12) \_\_\_\_\_ one that bans texting while driving.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# MOBILE PHONES SURVEY

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1707/170731-phone-zombies-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about mobile phones in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

# WRITING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1707/170731-phone-zombies-1.html>

Write about **mobile phones** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.

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