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Campaign to ban car hands-free phones

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THE READING

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There is a big road-safety campaign in Britain to ban hands-free mobile phones. The charity Brake also wants drivers to switch off phones while driving. It said fines for calling or texting should also be increased by up to tenfold because the current fine is not stopping people. Brake said 575,000 drivers had been caught using their phone. It added that nowadays, being constantly connected is the norm and people "find it hard to switch off, even for a minute".

Britain's government said road safety was a "top priority", but had "no plans to change the law". It added it always made sure penalties were "appropriate". Brake said that while phones were useful, they were also dangerous as drivers could not focus on driving. This puts motorists and other road users in danger. It said most people would never drink and drive, but do not understand that calling or texting while driving can be just as hazardous.

Sources: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-24982173>
<http://news.sky.com/story/1170006/mobile-phones-in-cars-call-for-total-ban>
<http://www.brake.org.uk/news/1147-rsw13-nat>

MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. a big road- | a. using their phone |
| 2. switch off phones | b. by up to tenfold |
| 3. should also be increased | c. safety campaign |
| 4. 575,000 drivers had been caught | d. while driving |
| 5. being constantly | e. to switch off |
| 6. people find it hard | f. connected is the norm |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. road safety was a top | a. were appropriate |
| 2. had no plans | b. on driving |
| 3. made sure penalties | c. just as hazardous |
| 4. drivers could not focus | d. priority |
| 5. most people would never drink | e. to change the law |
| 6. texting while driving can be | f. and drive |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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There is (1) _____ campaign in Britain to ban hands-free mobile phones. The charity Brake also wants (2) _____ phones while driving. It said (3) _____ texting should also be increased (4) _____ because the current fine is not stopping people. Brake said 575,000 drivers had been caught using their phone. It (5) _____, being constantly connected is the norm and people "find it (6) _____, even for a minute".

Britain's government said road safety (7) _____, but had "no plans to change the law". It added it always (8) _____ were "appropriate". Brake said (9) _____ useful, they were also dangerous as drivers (10) _____ driving. This puts motorists and other (11) _____. It said most people would never drink and drive, but do not understand that calling or texting while driving can be (12) _____.

MOBILE PHONE SURVEY

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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) _____
- g) _____
- h) _____

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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) _____
- g) _____
- h) _____

FREE WRITING

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Write about **mobile phones** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner’s paper.
