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## Level 6

# Campaign to ban car hands-free phones

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# THE ARTICLE

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Britain's Department for Transport said that although road safety was a "top priority", it had "no plans to change the law around the use of hands-free devices". It added that all penalties were being "kept under review to ensure they are appropriate". Brake said: "While there are enormous benefits to this new technology, it's also posing dangerous temptations to drivers to divert their concentration away from the critical task at hand, often putting our most vulnerable road users in danger." It added: "Many people who wouldn't dream of drink-driving are succumbing to using their phone and other distractions while driving, oblivious that the effect can be similar and the consequences just as horrific."

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>

# WARM-UPS

**1. CAR PHONES:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about car phones. Change partners often and share your findings.

**2. CHAT:** In pairs / groups, decide which of these topics or words from the article are most interesting and which are most boring.

*major / road safety / campaign / motorist / deterrent / penalty / revelation / connected / transport / top priority / change the law / enormous benefits / concentration / horrific*

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

**3. DISTRACTIONS:** How dangerous are these while driving? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	How dangerous?	Why?	How to stop people doing them?
Texting			
Eating			
Smoking			
Looking at a GPS			
Talking			
Looking at scenery			

**4. BANNED:** Students A **strongly** believe mobile phones in cars should be banned; Students B **strongly** believe not. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**5. ROAD SAFETY:** Rank these and share your rankings with your partner. Put the most important things at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- low speed limits
- zero alcohol
- no texting
- seatbelts
- stopping at red lights
- keeping distance from car ahead
- more police and radar
- bicycle lanes

**6. MOTORISTS:** Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "motorists". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1311/131120-hands-free-phones.html>

**1. TRUE / FALSE:** Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- a. A charity wants car-phone makers to stop manufacturing the devices. T / F
- b. The charity wants penalties for texting while driving increased tenfold. T / F
- c. Over half a million U.K. drivers have been caught using phones in cars. T / F
- d. The charity said everyone can switch off their phone for a few hours. T / F
- e. The U.K. government said it would change the law for mobile phones. T / F
- f. The U.K. government said it always checked mobile phone laws. T / F
- g. The charity said drink-drivers always text while driving. T / F
- h. The charity said drink-driving and texting while driving are similar. T / F

**2. SYNONYM MATCH:** Match the following synonyms from the article.

- |                     |                  |
|---------------------|------------------|
| 1. major            | a. continually   |
| 2. banned           | b. attention     |
| 3. behind the wheel | c. prohibited    |
| 4. revelation       | d. prime concern |
| 5. constantly       | e. at risk       |
| 6. priority         | f. important     |
| 7. devices          | g. disclosure    |
| 8. concentration    | h. results       |
| 9. vulnerable       | i. driving       |
| 10. consequences    | j. gadgets       |

**3. PHRASE MATCH:** (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- |                                 |                          |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. A major road-safety campaign | a. of drink-driving      |
| 2. switch off their phones      | b. the current penalty   |
| 3. texting while                | c. be similar            |
| 4. a greater deterrent than     | d. while driving         |
| 5. being constantly             | e. a "top priority"      |
| 6. road safety was              | f. is under way          |
| 7. enormous                     | g. at hand               |
| 8. the critical task            | h. behind the wheel      |
| 9. people who wouldn't dream    | i. connected is the norm |
| 10. the effect can              | j. benefits              |

# GAP FILL

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1311/131120-hands-free-phones.html>

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*points*  
*tenfold*  
*calling*  
*connected*  
*major*  
*age*  
*wheel*  
*revelation*

Britain's Department for Transport said that although road safety was a "top (9) \_\_\_\_\_ ", it had "no plans to change the law around the use of hands-free (10) \_\_\_\_\_ ". It added that all penalties were being "kept under (11) \_\_\_\_\_ to ensure they are appropriate". Brake said: "While there are enormous benefits to this new technology, it's also posing dangerous (12) \_\_\_\_\_ to drivers to divert their concentration away from the critical (13) \_\_\_\_\_ at hand, often putting our most vulnerable road users in danger." It added: "Many people who wouldn't (14) \_\_\_\_\_ of drink-driving are succumbing to using their phone and other (15) \_\_\_\_\_ while driving, oblivious that the effect can be similar and the consequences just as (16) \_\_\_\_\_."

*dream*  
*temptations*  
*devices*  
*horrific*  
*distractions*  
*priority*  
*task*  
*review*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) A major road-safety campaign is under way in Britain to get hands-free \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. mobile phones binned
  - b. mobile phones banned
  - c. mobile phones burned
  - d. mobile phones band
- 2) fines for calling or texting while behind the wheel should also be increased \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. by up two tenfold
  - b. by up to tenfold
  - c. by up too tenfold
  - d. by up through tenfold
- 3) a revelation that more than 575,000 British drivers had points on \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. their driving licence
  - b. their drives licence
  - c. their driven licence
  - d. their driver licence
- 4) We're living in an age when being constantly connected \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. is the normal
  - b. is the normality
  - c. is the normalcy
  - d. is the norm
- 5) More and more of us have smartphones, and find it hard to switch off, \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. ever for a minute
  - b. evenly for a minute
  - c. even for a minute
  - d. event for a minute
- 6) Britain's Department for Transport said that although road safety was \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. a "top priory tea"
  - b. a "top prioritise"
  - c. a "top priorities"
  - d. a "top priority"
- 7) it had "no plans to change the law around the use of \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. hands-freed devices
  - b. hands-free devices
  - c. hands-freer devices
  - d. hands-freeing devices
- 8) all penalties were being kept under review to ensure \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. they are appropriately
  - b. they are appropriateness
  - c. they are appropriacy
  - d. they are appropriate
- 9) divert their concentration away from the \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. critical task at foot
  - b. critical task at eye
  - c. critical task at hand
  - d. critical task at pedal
- 10) he effect can be similar and the consequences \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. just as horrifying
  - b. just as horrifically
  - c. just as horrific
  - d. just as honorific

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1311/131120-hands-free-phones.html>

1. What kind of campaign has started in the UK?

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2. What is the name of the charity?

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3. What kind of increase does the charity want in fines?

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4. How many U.K. drivers have been penalized for phone use?

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5. What did the charity say was the norm nowadays?

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6. What did the U.K. say was a top priority?

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7. What does the U.K. government keep under review?

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8. What do the temptations do to drivers?

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9. What would many people not dream of doing?

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10. What can have similar effects to drink driving?

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# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1311/131120-hands-free-phones.html>

1. What kind of campaign has started in the UK?
  - a) a hands-free phones campaign
  - b) a get-behind-the-wheel campaign
  - c) a road-safety campaign
  - d) to increase-traffic-penalties
2. What is the name of the charity?
  - a) Brake
  - b) Break
  - c) Broke
  - d) Broken
3. What kind of increase does the charity want in fines?
  - a) a tenfold increase
  - b) a 100% increase
  - c) double the current fine
  - d) a \$1,000 rise
4. How many U.K. drivers have been penalised for phone use?
  - a) 757,000
  - b) 575,000
  - c) 555,000
  - d) 755,000
5. What did the charity say was the norm nowadays?
  - a) speeding
  - b) texting
  - c) living in an age
  - d) being connected
6. What did the U.K. say was a top priority?
  - a) helping phone companies
  - b) road safety
  - c) bicycle lanes
  - d) hands-free devices
7. What does the U.K. government keep under review?
  - a) penalties
  - b) free kicks
  - c) speed limits
  - d) texting
8. What do the temptations do to drivers?
  - a) stop them driving
  - b) make them change direction
  - c) divert their attention
  - d) text them
9. What would many people not dream of doing?
  - a) sleep in their car
  - b) leave their phone at home
  - c) pay fines
  - d) drink and drive
10. What can have similar effects to drink driving?
  - a) using a phone while driving
  - b) not checking tyre pressure
  - c) consequences
  - d) oblivious distractions

# ROLE PLAY

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## **Role A – Zero Alcohol**

You think zero alcohol is the best solution for road safety. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their solutions. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): wearing seatbelts, having lower speed limits or having more traffic police.

## **Role B – Wearing Seatbelts**

You think wearing seatbelts is the best solution for road safety. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their solutions. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): zero alcohol, having lower speed limits or having more traffic police.

## **Role C – Lower Speed Limits**

You think having lower speed limits is the best solution for road safety. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their solutions. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): wearing seatbelts, zero alcohol or having more traffic police.

## **Role D – More Traffic Police**

You think more traffic police is the best solution for road safety. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their solutions. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): wearing seatbelts, having lower speed limits or zero alcohol.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1311/131120-hands-free-phones.html>

**1. WORD SEARCH:** Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'road' and 'safety'.

<b>road</b>	<b>safety</b>
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS:** Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**3. GAP FILL:** In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

**4. VOCABULARY:** Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

**5. TEST EACH OTHER:** Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• under</li><li>• fines</li><li>• greater</li><li>• follow</li><li>• age</li><li>• even</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• top</li><li>• under</li><li>• benefits</li><li>• away</li><li>• dream</li><li>• just</li></ul>
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# CAR PHONES SURVEY

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1311/131120-hands-free-phones.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.

# CAR PHONES DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

- a) What did you think when you read the headline?
- b) What springs to mind when you hear the word 'texting'?
- c) What do you think of people who text and drive?
- d) Do road-safety campaigns like this work?
- e) How safe or dangerous are the roads in your country?
- f) Would a \$1,600 fine be an effective deterrent?
- g) Why do people text and call while driving when they know it's dangerous?
- h) Should cars be fitted with technology to block mobile phone reception?
- i) Is it important for you to be constantly connected?
- j) Can you switch off from smartphones, computers, etc. for a long time?

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# CAR PHONES DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

- a) Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- b) Do you think road safety is really a "top priority" for governments?
- c) Are hands-free car phones a good idea?
- d) What can we do to reduce temptations that divert drivers' attention?
- e) How irresponsible are drivers who text or read texts while driving?
- f) Is texting while driving as bad as drink-driving?
- g) Should phone companies ban people who text while driving?
- h) How important is a mobile phone to you?
- i) Was driving safer before mobile phones came along?
- j) What questions would you like to ask the charity Brake?

# DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

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# DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

# LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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## Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- |     |                 |                |                |                 |
|-----|-----------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 1.  | (a) majored     | (b) majority   | (c) majorly    | (d) major       |
| 2.  | (a) accelerator | (b) driver     | (c) car        | (d) wheel       |
| 3.  | (a) tenth       | (b) tenfold    | (c) ten to one | (d) ten-pin     |
| 4.  | (a) deterred    | (b) determined | (c) deterrent  | (d) deter       |
| 5.  | (a) epoch       | (b) aeon       | (c) age        | (d) oldness     |
| 6.  | (a) norm        | (b) normal     | (c) normed     | (d) norms       |
| 7.  | (a) priory      | (b) priority   | (c) pressing   | (d) primacy     |
| 8.  | (a) devices     | (b) vices      | (c) indices    | (d) dice        |
| 9.  | (a) pruning     | (b) posing     | (c) planting   | (d) posturing   |
| 10. | (a) brake       | (b) foot       | (c) hand       | (d) accelerator |
| 11. | (a) nightmare   | (b) daydream   | (c) dream      | (d) fantasy     |
| 12. | (a) reversal    | (b) revivalist | (c) convivial  | (d) oblivious   |

# SPELLING

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## Paragraph 1

1. A major road-safety gcnamaip
2. calling for sotirosmt to switch off their phones
3. increased by up to fontlde
4. provide a greater dtereetrn
5. drivers had points on their driving cenclie
6. being nlonctatys connected is the norm

## Paragraph 2

7. road safety was a top iotrypir
8. the use of hands-free svdiece
9. ensure they are peitpopaarr
10. divert their ccnatnitroneo
11. other dinitosscrat while driving
12. the neccsuseeong just as horrific



# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1311/131120-hands-free-phones.html>

**Number these lines in the correct order.**

- ( ) using their phone. A spokeswoman for Brake said: "We're living in an age when being constantly
- ( ) review to ensure they are appropriate". Brake said: "While there are enormous benefits to this
- ( ) oblivious that the effect can be similar and the consequences just as horrific."
- ( ) for calling or texting while behind the wheel should also be increased by up to
- ( ) tenfold, to around \$1,600. This is to provide a greater deterrent than the current penalty of \$160. Brake's suggestions follow
- ( ) Britain's Department for Transport said that although road safety was a "top priority", it had "no plans to
- ( ) change the law around the use of hands-free devices". It added that all penalties were being "kept under
- ( ) dream of drink-driving are succumbing to using their phone and other distractions while driving,
- ( ) task at hand, often putting our most vulnerable road users in danger." It added: "Many people who wouldn't
- ( ) a revelation that more than 575,000 British drivers had points on their driving licence for
- ( **1** ) A major road-safety campaign is under way in Britain to get hands-free mobile phones
- ( ) connected is the norm. More and more of us have smartphones, and find it hard to switch off, even for a minute."
- ( ) banned. The charity Brake is also calling for motorists to switch off their phones while driving. The group said the fines
- ( ) new technology, it's also posing dangerous temptations to drivers to divert their concentration away from the critical

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1311/131120-hands-free-phones.html>

1. in way under is campaign safety - road major A Britain.

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2. to switch Calling off for their motorists phones.

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3. the a current greater penalty deterrent than Provide.

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4. when connected norm age constantly the An being is.

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5. even , off switch to hard it Find minute a for.

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6. the Change devices free - hands of use the around law.

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7. penalties All review under kept being were.

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8. away to divert Temptations their to concentration drivers.

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9. who of driving people dream - Many wouldn't drink.

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10. distractions their phone Succumbing and to other using.

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# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1311/131120-hands-free-phones.html>

A major road-safety campaign is *over / under* way in Britain to get hands-free mobile phones banned. The charity Brake is also *phoning / calling* for motorists to switch off their phones while driving. The group said the fines for calling or texting while behind the *accelerator / wheel* should also be increased by up to *tenfold / tenth*, to around \$1,600. This is to provide a *greater / greatest* deterrent than the *currently / current* penalty of \$160. Brake's suggestions follow a *revelation / revealed* that more than 575,000 British drivers had points on their driving licence for using their phone. A spokeswoman for Brake said: "We're living in an *age / aeon* when being constantly connected is the *normal / norm*. More and more of us have smartphones, and *find / search* it hard to switch off, even for a minute."

Britain's Department for Transport said that *although / however* road safety was a "top priority", it had "no plans to change the law around the use of hands-free *devises / devices*". It added that all penalties were being "kept under *reviewed / review* to ensure they are appropriate". Brake said: "While there are *enormous / enormously* benefits to this new technology, it's also *posing / posting* dangerous temptations to drivers to *revert / divert* their concentration away from the critical task at *foot / hand*, often putting our most vulnerable road users *on / in* danger." It added: "Many people who wouldn't *dream / dreamer* of drink-driving are succumbing to using their phone and other distractions while driving, *oblivious / obviously* that the effect can be similar and the consequences just as horrific."

**Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.**

# INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# HOMework

**1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION:** Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

**2. INTERNET:** Search the Internet and find out more about mobile phones for cars. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. CAR PHONES:** Make a poster about mobile phones. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. DANGERS:** Write a magazine article about the dangers of calling or texting while driving. Include imaginary interviews with road safety experts and people who want to use their phone in the car.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

**5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?** Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**6. LETTER:** Write a letter to a road safety expert. Ask him/her three questions about mobile phones in cars. Give him/her three of your opinions. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

a F    b T    c T    d F    e F    f T    g F    h T

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

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|---------------------|------------------|
| 1. major            | a. important     |
| 2. banned           | b. prohibited    |
| 3. behind the wheel | c. driving       |
| 4. revelation       | d. disclosure    |
| 5. constantly       | e. continually   |
| 6. priority         | f. prime concern |
| 7. devices          | g. gadgets       |
| 8. concentration    | h. attention     |
| 9. vulnerable       | i. at risk       |
| 10. consequences    | j. results       |

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. A major road-safety campaign
2. Brake
3. A tenfold increase
4. 575,000
5. Being connected
6. Road safety
7. Penalties for calling/texting while driving
8. Divert their attention
9. Drinking and driving
10. Using a phone while driving

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

1. c    2. a    3. a    4. b    5. d    6. b    7. a    8. c    9. d    10. a

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.  
(It's good for your English ;-)