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## **Level 4**

# **Overtaking a big risk on the road**

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# THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1505/150528-overtaking-4.html>

A U.K. survey shows that one in seven drivers has been in danger because of risky overtaking. A road safety charity surveyed 1,000 drivers. It found that 80 per cent of drivers have felt scared by overtaking, while 94 per cent said they have seen dangerous overtaking. Young men are the most dangerous. Nearly 40 per cent of 17-24-year-old men said they overtake when they are not sure the road ahead is clear. Just 15 per cent of women do this.

The charity found country roads are most dangerous. Drivers are twice as likely to die on these than in towns. Many deaths are preventable. The charity asked drivers to stop overtaking on country roads. It said: "Why risk it and rush? You could cause a devastating, high-speed, head-on crash that ends lives." It said a "significant minority" of aggressive and selfish drivers still overtake, and that "cool-headed and responsible drivers" do not.

Sources: <http://www.express.co.uk/news/uk/579849/Dangerous-drivers-aggressive-overtaking-lives-at-risk>  
<https://uk.news.yahoo.com/dangerous-overtaking-risks-lives-230505243.html#GkUZZIf>  
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# MATCHING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1505/150528-overtaking-4.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                               |                         |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. one in                     | a. most dangerous       |
| 2. in danger because of risky | b. scared by overtaking |
| 3. A road safety              | c. seven drivers        |
| 4. drivers have felt          | d. of women do this     |
| 5. they have seen             | e. overtaking           |
| 6. Young men are the          | f. ahead is clear       |
| 7. they are not sure the road | g. charity              |
| 8. Just 15 per cent           | h. dangerous overtaking |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                               |                    |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. twice as                   | a. selfish drivers |
| 2. Many deaths are            | b. head-on crash   |
| 3. stop overtaking on country | c. headed          |
| 4. a devastating, high-speed, | d. likely          |
| 5. a significant              | e. preventable     |
| 6. aggressive and             | f. drivers         |
| 7. cool-                      | g. minority        |
| 8. responsible                | h. roads           |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1505/150528-overtaking-4.html>

A U.K. survey shows that (1) \_\_\_\_\_ drivers has been in danger because of risky overtaking. A (2) \_\_\_\_\_ surveyed 1,000 drivers. It found that 80 per cent of drivers (3) \_\_\_\_\_ by overtaking, (4) \_\_\_\_\_ said they have seen dangerous overtaking. Young men are the most dangerous. Nearly 40 per cent of 17-24-year-old men said they overtake when they (5) \_\_\_\_\_ the road ahead is clear. Just 15 per cent of (6) \_\_\_\_\_.

The charity found (7) \_\_\_\_\_ most dangerous. Drivers are twice as likely to die (8) \_\_\_\_\_ in towns. Many deaths are preventable. The charity asked drivers to stop overtaking (9) \_\_\_\_\_. It said: "Why risk it and rush? You could cause a devastating, high-speed, (10) \_\_\_\_\_ that ends lives." It said a "(11) \_\_\_\_\_" of aggressive and selfish drivers still overtake, and that "cool-headed and (12) \_\_\_\_\_" do not.

# OVERTAKING SURVEY

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1505/150528-overtaking-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about overtaking 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)

