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Funeral discounts for Japan's elderly who quit driving

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THE READING

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A funeral company in Japan is giving a 15 per cent discount to drivers over 75 who give up driving. Family members also get the discount. The road-safety strategy is backed by the local police. Seniors must give their driving licence to the police to get a document that proves they are no longer allowed to drive. Similar schemes in Japan have included cut-price taxi fares, discounts on public baths and cheaper noodles.

This strategy is another attempt to cut the large number of traffic accidents involving seniors. Almost five million seniors drive in Japan. This is double the number from 10 years ago. The number of fatal accidents involving elderly drivers was 7.7 per cent in 2007. Last year, this number jumped to 13.2 per cent. Some of those accidents were because seniors mistook the accelerator for the brake pedal, or mistakenly put their car into reverse.

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. giving a | a. up driving |
| 2. drivers over 75 who give | b. to the police |
| 3. Family members also | c. longer allowed to drive |
| 4. The road-safety strategy is backed | d. price taxi fares |
| 5. give their driving licence | e. in Japan |
| 6. proves they are no | f. get the discount |
| 7. Similar schemes | g. 15 per cent discount |
| 8. cut- | h. by the local police |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--|------------------------|
| 1. This strategy is another | a. to 13.2 per cent |
| 2. cut the large number of traffic accidents | b. from 10 years ago |
| 3. Almost five million seniors | c. car into reverse |
| 4. This is double the number | d. involving seniors |
| 5. The number of fatal | e. for the brake pedal |
| 6. Last year, this number jumped | f. drive in Japan |
| 7. seniors mistook the accelerator | g. accidents |
| 8. mistakenly put their | h. attempt |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A funeral company in Japan (1) _____ 15 per cent discount to drivers over 75 (2) _____ driving. Family members also get the discount. The road-safety strategy (3) _____ the local police. Seniors must give their driving licence to the (4) _____ document that proves they are (5) _____ to drive. Similar schemes in Japan have included cut-price taxi fares, (6) _____ baths and cheaper noodles. This (7) _____ attempt to cut the large number of traffic accidents involving seniors. Almost five million (8) _____ Japan. This is (9) _____ from 10 years ago. The number of (10) _____ involving elderly drivers was 7.7 per cent in 2007. Last year, this number jumped to 13.2 per cent. Some of those accidents were because (11) _____ the accelerator for the brake pedal, or mistakenly put their (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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ELDERLY DRIVERS SURVEY

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1703/170325-elderly-drivers-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about elderly drivers 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/1703/170325-elderly-drivers-4.html>

Write about **elderly drivers** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner’s paper.
