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Mobile phone ban while crossing roads in Honolulu

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THE ARTICLE

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Honolulu in Hawaii has become the first major American city to ban pedestrians from walking across the road while looking at mobile phones or other digital devices. The new law will start on October the 25th. It says: "No pedestrian shall cross a street or highway while viewing a mobile electronic device." This includes mobile phones, tablets, laptop computers and digital cameras. Anyone breaking this law for the first time will get a fine of \$15-\$35. People who break the law for a second or third time will get a \$99 fine. The new bill is called the Distracted Walking Law. Honolulu's mayor Kirk Caldwell said the law was because of the high number of accidents, injuries and deaths because of pedestrians using mobile devices.

Some lawmakers called people who text while walking, "phone zombies". Mr Caldwell said the ban was necessary to make people more aware of the dangers of texting while walking. He said: "We hold the unfortunate distinction of being a major city with more pedestrians being hit in crosswalks, particularly our seniors, than almost any other city in the county." He added: "Sometimes I wish there were laws we did not have to pass, that perhaps common sense would [exist], but sometimes we lack common sense." Another lawmaker said: "As technology has advanced, we sometimes forget about the real issue, and that's about safety." The new law is similar to one that bans texting while driving.

Sources: <http://www.govtech.com/policy/Honolulu-Distracted-Walking-Law-Outlaws-Texting-within-Crosswalks.htm>
<http://www.npr.org/sections/thetwo-way/2017/07/29/540140824/its-now-illegal-to-text-while-crossing-the-street-in-honolulu>
<http://www.marketwatch.com/story/honolulu-bans-texting-while-crossing-the-street-2017-07-29>

WARM-UPS

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

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

Hawaii / major / pedestrians / digital devices / highway / computers / fine / injuries / zombies / necessary / distinction / seniors / common sense / technology / texting

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

3. BAN: Students A **strongly** believe walking while texting should be banned; Students B **strongly** believe it shouldn't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. TALKING: When is it not OK to talk on a mobile phone and why? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	OK?	Why?
While crossing a road		
On the street		
In a shopping mall		
On a train		
In a restaurant		
In a movie theatre		

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

6. ELECTRONIC DEVICES: Rank these with your partner. Put the best electronic devices at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- mobiles phones
- digital cameras
- electronic dictionaries
- laptop computers
- Television
- Nintendo Wii
- iPad
- mp3 music players

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

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

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

- a. Honolulu is the first major US city to ban texting while crossing roads. **T / F**
- b. The new law came into force last month. **T / F**
- c. The fine for a first offence could be \$15. **T / F**
- d. Honolulu's mayor said there was a high number of pedestrian deaths. **T / F**
- e. Lawmakers said zombie phones should be banned. **T / F**
- f. The mayor said old people in particular were being hit at crosswalks. **T / F**
- g. The mayor said there was no lack of common sense. **T / F**
- h. The new law is nothing like the ban on texting while driving. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH:

Match the following synonyms. The words in **bold** are from the news article.

- | | |
|------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. major | a. hazards |
| 2. devices | b. contravening |
| 3. breaking | c. looks like |
| 4. because of | d. needed |
| 5. deaths | e. due to |
| 6. necessary | f. big |
| 7. dangers | g. especially |
| 8. particularly | h. matter |
| 9. issue | i. gadgets |
| 10. similar | j. fatalities |

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

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. the first major | a. aware of the dangers |
| 2. digital | b. a street |
| 3. cross | c. law |
| 4. break the | d. sense |
| 5. the high number | e. hit in crosswalks |
| 6. make people more | f. American city |
| 7. pedestrians being | g. advanced |
| 8. common | h. of accidents |
| 9. technology has | i. while driving |
| 10. similar to one that bans texting | j. devices |

GAP FILL

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

Honolulu in Hawaii has become the first major American city to (1) _____ pedestrians from walking across the road while looking at mobile phones or (2) _____ digital devices. The new law will start on October the 25th. It says: "No pedestrian shall (3) _____ a street or highway while viewing a mobile electronic (4) _____." This includes mobile phones, tablets, laptop computers and digital cameras. Anyone breaking this law for the first time will get a (5) _____ of \$15-\$35. People who (6) _____ the law for a second or third time will get a \$99 fine. The new bill is called the Distracted Walking Law. Honolulu's (7) _____ Kirk Caldwell said the law was because of the high (8) _____ of accidents, injuries and deaths because of pedestrians using mobile devices.

cross
break
other
number
device
ban
mayor
fine

Some lawmakers called people (9) _____ text while walking, "phone zombies". Mr Caldwell said the ban was necessary to make people more aware of the (10) _____ of texting while walking. He said: "We hold the unfortunate distinction of being a (11) _____ city with more pedestrians being hit in crosswalks, particularly our (12) _____, than almost any other city in the county." He added: "Sometimes I wish there were laws we did not have to (13) _____, that perhaps common sense would [exist], but sometimes we lack common (14) _____." Another lawmaker said: "As technology has advanced, we sometimes forget about the real (15) _____, and that's about safety." The new law is (16) _____ to one that bans texting while driving.

major
sense
who
similar
seniors
issue
dangers
pass

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) walking across the road while looking at mobile phones or other _____
 - a. digital devices
 - b. digital devices
 - c. digital device
 - d. digital device is
- 2) No pedestrian shall cross a street or highway while viewing a _____ device.
 - a. mobile electronics
 - b. mobile electrical
 - c. mobile electronica
 - d. mobile electronic
- 3) This includes mobile phones, tablets, laptop computers and _____
 - a. digital camera
 - b. digitals cameras
 - c. digitals camera
 - d. digital cameras
- 4) People who break the law for a second or third time will _____
 - a. get a \$99 fine
 - b. get a \$99 find
 - c. get a \$99 fined
 - d. get a \$99 fin
- 5) the law was because of the high number of accidents, injuries _____
 - a. and death
 - b. and deaths
 - c. end deaths
 - d. end death
- 6) Some lawmakers called people who text while walking, " _____ "
 - a. phoned zombies
 - b. phones zombies
 - c. phone zombies
 - d. phoney zombies
- 7) Mr Caldwell said the ban was necessary to make people more _____ dangers
 - a. beware of the
 - b. unaware of the
 - c. aware of the
 - d. adware of the
- 8) the unfortunate distinction of being a major city with more pedestrians _____
 - a. being hit
 - b. been hit
 - c. be in hit
 - d. being in hit
- 9) I wish there were laws we did not have to pass, that perhaps common _____ exist
 - a. senses would
 - b. sensed would
 - c. sensory would
 - d. sense would
- 10) As technology has advanced, we sometimes forget about _____
 - a. the real issues
 - b. the really issue
 - c. the real issue
 - d. the real tissue

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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Honolulu in Hawaii has become (1) _____ American city to ban pedestrians from walking across the road (2) _____ mobile phones or other digital devices. The new law will start on October the 25th. It says: "No pedestrian shall (3) _____ or highway while viewing a mobile electronic device." This includes mobile phones, tablets, laptop computers and digital cameras. Anyone breaking this law for the first time (4) _____ of \$15-\$35. People who break the law for a second or third time will get a \$99 fine. The (5) _____ called the Distracted Walking Law. Honolulu's mayor Kirk Caldwell said the law was because of the (6) _____ accidents, injuries and deaths because of pedestrians using mobile devices.

Some lawmakers called people (7) _____ walking, "phone zombies". Mr Caldwell said the ban (8) _____ make people more aware of the dangers of texting while walking. He said: "We hold the unfortunate distinction (9) _____ major city with more pedestrians being hit in crosswalks, particularly our seniors, than almost any other (10) _____ county." He added: "Sometimes I wish there were laws we did not have to pass, that perhaps common sense would [exist], but sometimes we (11) _____." Another lawmaker said: "As technology has advanced, we sometimes forget about the real issue, and that's about safety." The new (12) _____ to one that bans texting while driving.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

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

1. How many other American cities have banned texting while walking?
2. When will the new law start?
3. How much is the fine for the first time you break the law?
4. How much is the fine for texting while walking for the second time?
5. What is the job of Kirk Caldwell?
6. What do some people call those who text while crossing the street?
7. Who in particular is being hit in crosswalks?
8. What did Mr Caldwell say we sometimes lack?
9. What did a lawmaker say was the real issue?
10. What other law is the new law similar to?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

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

- 1) How many other American cities have banned texting while walking?
 - a) 3
 - b) 0
 - c) 2
 - d) 1
- 2) When will the new law start?
 - a) October 27
 - b) October 23
 - c) October 21
 - d) October 25
- 3) How much is the fine for the first time you break the law?
 - a) \$15-\$35
 - b) \$15-\$25
 - c) \$25-\$35
 - d) \$15-\$99
- 4) How much is the fine for texting while walking for the second time?
 - a) \$100
 - b) \$199
 - c) \$99
 - d) \$99.99
- 5) What is the job of Kirk Caldwell?
 - a) street designer
 - b) mayor
 - c) mobile phone maker
 - d) journalist
- 6) What do some people call those who text while crossing the street?
 - a) phone zombies
 - b) phone bombers
 - c) phoney zombies
 - d) phoney phoners
- 7) Who in particular is being hit in crosswalks?
 - a) police
 - b) infants
 - c) seniors
 - d) juniors
- 8) What did Mr Caldwell say we sometimes lack?
 - a) common sense
 - b) dollars and cents
 - c) nonsense
 - d) common scents
- 9) What did a lawmaker say was the real issue?
 - a) safety
 - b) traffic lights
 - c) bans
 - d) walking
- 10) What other law is the new law similar to?
 - a) texting while eating
 - b) texting while drinking
 - c) texting while working
 - d) texting while driving

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Mobile Phones

You think mobile phones are the best electronic devices. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their devices. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): television, iPads or laptops.

Role B – Television

You think televisions are the best electronic devices. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their devices. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): mobile phones, iPads or laptops.

Role C – iPad

You think iPads are the best electronic devices. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their devices. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): television, mobile phones or laptops.

Role D – Laptop

You think laptops are the best electronic devices. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their devices. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): television, iPads or mobile phones.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

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

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

mobile	phone
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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">• major• new• cross• first• get• high	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• necessary• dangers• hit• pass• lack• similar
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MOBILE PHONES 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.

MOBILE PHONES DISCUSSION

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

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'phone'?
3. What do you know about Hawaii?
4. What do you think of texting while walking?
5. How important are mobile phones to you?
6. Have people looking at mobile phones bumped into you?
7. What do you think of the mobile phone ban?
8. What do you think of the size of the fine?
9. Do people spend too much time looking at mobile phones?
10. How can we stop people walking while texting?

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MOBILE PHONES DISCUSSION

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

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'zombie'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What other dangers are there of mobile phones?
15. What do you think of the term "phone zombie"?
16. What would life be like without mobile phones?
17. Do people who text while walking have common sense?
18. What other dangers are there with mobile phones?
19. What makes you angry about people using mobile phones?
20. What questions would you like to ask Honolulu's mayor?

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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Some lawmakers called people who text (7) _____ walking, "phone zombies". Mr Caldwell said the ban was necessary to make people more (8) _____ of the dangers of texting while walking. He said: "We hold the unfortunate distinction of being a major city with more pedestrians being hit in crosswalks, particularly our (9) _____, than almost any other city in the county." He added: "Sometimes I wish there were laws we did not have to (10) _____, that perhaps common sense would [exist], but sometimes we lack common sense." Another lawmaker said: "As technology has (11) _____, we sometimes forget about the real issue, and that's about safety." The new law is similar (12) _____ one that bans texting while driving.

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

- | | | | | |
|-----|---------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|
| 1. | (a) firstly | (b) firsts | (c) first | (d) firsthand |
| 2. | (a) across | (b) cross | (c) crossed | (d) crosses |
| 3. | (a) viewing | (b) viewable | (c) views | (d) viewed |
| 4. | (a) break | (b) breaking | (c) broken | (d) breakable |
| 5. | (a) be | (b) get | (c) do | (d) up |
| 6. | (a) off | (b) for | (c) from | (d) of |
| 7. | (a) were | (b) that | (c) while | (d) which |
| 8. | (a) wear | (b) swear | (c) beware | (d) aware |
| 9. | (a) seniors | (b) seniority | (c) senior | (d) senator |
| 10. | (a) pass | (b) path | (c) parse | (d) past |
| 11. | (a) forwarded | (b) advanced | (c) leapt | (d) risen |
| 12. | (a) for | (b) of | (c) to | (d) for |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. the first aomjr American city
2. digital veicsde
3. No aidtspnere shall cross a street
4. This sleindcu mobile phones
5. the high number of cintsedca
6. inrseiuj and deaths

Paragraph 2

7. the ban was sscnaryee
8. the ruatuoetfnn distinction
9. particularly our nossire
10. mmnoco sense
11. technology has acvnddae
12. The new law is siamlir

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () distinction of being a major city with more pedestrians being hit in crosswalks, particularly our
- () Some lawmakers called people who text while walking, "phone zombies". Mr Caldwell said the ban was
- () not have to pass, that perhaps common sense would [exist], but sometimes we lack common
- () of the high number of accidents, injuries and deaths because of pedestrians using mobile devices.
- () device." This includes mobile phones, tablets, laptop computers and digital cameras. Anyone breaking this
- () issue, and that's about safety." The new law is similar to one that bans texting while driving.
- () necessary to make people more aware of the dangers of texting while walking. He said: "We hold the unfortunate
- () seniors, than almost any other city in the county." He added: "Sometimes I wish there were laws we did
- () sense." Another lawmaker said: "As technology has advanced, we sometimes forget about the real
- () start on October the 25th. It says: "No pedestrian shall cross a street or highway while viewing a mobile electronic
- () law for the first time will get a fine of \$15-\$35. People who break the law for a second or third time will get a \$99
- (**1**) Honolulu in Hawaii has become the first major American city to ban pedestrians from walking
- () across the road while looking at mobile phones or other digital devices. The new law will
- () fine. The new bill is called the Distracted Walking Law. Honolulu's mayor Kirk Caldwell said the law was because

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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

1. to city American major first The pedestrians ban .
2. looking across at the mobile road phones while Walking .
3. a get will time first the for law this breaking Anyone fine .
4. third break second the time law People for who a or .
5. of law of number The because high accidents was the .
6. called lawmakers Some walking while text who people .
7. The make ban people was more necessary aware to .
8. major being city hit with Being more a pedestrians .
9. we did I not wish have there to were pass laws .
10. law one new while that similar driving bans to The texting is .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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Honolulu in Hawaii has *become* / *became* the first major American city to ban pedestrians from walking *crossing* / *across* the road while looking at mobile phones or *another* / *other* digital devices. The new law will start on October the 25th. It says: "No pedestrian shall *crossing* / *cross* a street or highway while *views* / *viewing* a mobile electronic device." This includes mobile phones, tablets, laptop computers and digital cameras. Anyone *breaking* / *broken* this law for the first time will get a fine of \$15-\$35. People who break the law for a second or *thirdly* / *third* time will get a \$99 fine. The new bill is called the Distracted Walking Law. Honolulu's *major* / *mayor* Kirk Caldwell said the law was because of the high / height number of accidents, injuries and deaths because of pedestrians *used* / *using* mobile devices.

Some lawmakers *called* / *called* people who text while walking, "phone zombies". Mr Caldwell said the ban was necessary to make people more *awareness* / *aware* of the *dangers* / *dangerous* of texting while walking. He said: "We hold the unfortunate distinction of being a *majors* / *major* city with more pedestrians being hit in crosswalks, particularly our seniors, than almost any *another* / *other* city in the county." He added: "Sometimes I wish there were laws we did not have to *past* / *pass*, that perhaps common sense would [exist], but sometimes we lack *commons* / *common* sense." Another lawmaker said: "As technology has *advancing* / *advanced*, we sometimes forget about the real issue, and that's about *safety* / *safer*." The new law is similar to one that bans texting while *driven* / *driving*.

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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H_n_l_l_ _n H_w___ h_s b_c_m_ th_ f_rst m_j_r
_m_r_c_n c_ty t_b_n p_d_str__ns fr_m w_lk_ng _cr_ss
th_ r__d wh_l_ l__k_ng _t m_b_l_ ph_n_s _r _th_r
d_g_t_l d_v_c_s. Th_ n_w l_w w_ll st_rt _n _ct_b_r th_
25th. _t s_ys: "N_ p_d_str__n sh_ll cr_ss _ str__t _r
h_ghw_y wh_l_ v__w_ng _ m_b_l_ l_ctr_n_c d_v_c_."
Th_s _ncl_d_s m_b_l_ ph_n_s, t_b_lts, l_pt_p
c_mp_t_rs _nd d_g_t_l c_m_r_s. _ny_n_ br__k_ng th_s
l_w f_r th_ f_rst t_m_ w_ll g_t _ f_n_ _f \$15-\$35.
P__pl_ wh_ br__k th_ l_w f_r _ s_c_nd _r th_r d_t_m_
w_ll g_t _ \$99 f_n_. Th_ n_w b_ll _s c_ll_d th_
D_str_ct_d W_lk_ng L_w. H_n_l_l_'s m_y_r K_rk
C_ldw_ll s__d th_ l_w w_s b_c__s_ _f th_ h_gh n_mb_r
_f _cc_d_nts, _nj_r__s _nd d__ths b_c__s_ _f
p_d_str__ns _s_ng m_b_l_ d_v_c_s.

S_m_l_wm_k_rs c_ll_d p__pl_ wh_ t_xt wh_l_ w_lk_ng,
"ph_n_ z_mb__s". Mr C_ldw_ll s__d th_ b_n w_s
n_c_ss_ry t_m_k_ p__pl_ m_r_ _w_r_ _f th_ d_ng_rs
_f t_xt_ng wh_l_ w_lk_ng. H_ s__d: "W_ h_ld th_
_nf_rt_n_t d_st_nct__n _f b__ng _ m_j_r c_ty w_th
m_r_ p_d_str__ns b__ng h_t _n cr_ssw_lks,
p_rt_c_l_rly __r s_n__rs, th_n _lm_st _ny _th_r c_ty
n th c__nty." H_ _dd_d: "S_m_t_m_s _ w_sh th_r_
w_r_ l_ws w_d_d n_t h_v_ t_p_ss, th_t p_rh_ps
c_mm_n_s_ns_ w__ld [_x_st], b_t s_m_t_m_s w_l_ck
c_mm_n_s_ns_." _n_th_r l_wm_k_r s__d: "_s
t_chn_l_gy h_s _dv_nc_d, w_s_m_t_m_s f_rg_t_b__t
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_s_s_m_l_r_t_ _n th_t b_ns t_xt_ng wh_l_ dr_v_ng.

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 this news. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

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

4. BAN: Write a magazine article about the ban on mobile phones while texting. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against it.

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 an expert on mobile phones. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your opinions on banning texting while walking. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

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

SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

- | | |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1. major | a. big |
| 2. devices | b. gadgets |
| 3. breaking | c. contravening |
| 4. because of | d. due to |
| 5. deaths | e. fatalities |
| 6. necessary | f. needed |
| 7. dangers | g. hazards |
| 8. particularly | h. especially |
| 9. issue | i. matter |
| 10. similar | j. looks like |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. None
2. October 25
3. \$15-\$35
4. \$99
5. Honolulu mayor
6. Phone zombies
7. Seniors
8. Common sense
9. Safety
10. A texting while driving law

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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