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Mobile phone ban while crossing roads in Honolulu

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THE READING

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Honolulu will be the first big American city to ban pedestrians from walking across the road while looking at mobile phones. The new law starts in October. It says: "No pedestrian shall cross a street or highway while viewing a mobile electronic device." This includes tablets and digital cameras. People breaking this law will get a fine of \$15-\$35. People who break it for a second 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 injuries and deaths when pedestrians use mobile devices.

Lawmakers called people who text while walking, "phone zombies". Mr Caldwell said the ban was to make people more aware of the dangers of texting while walking. He said that unfortunately, many pedestrians in Honolulu have accidents while crossing the road. Caldwell said: "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 we have technology but we forget about the real problem of safety. The new law is like one that bans texting while driving.

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. the first big | a. for a second time |
| 2. walking across | b. will get a fine |
| 3. The new law starts | c. device |
| 4. cross a street | d. the road |
| 5. People breaking this law | e. and deaths |
| 6. People who break it | f. in October |
| 7. the high number of injuries | g. or highway |
| 8. use mobile | h. American city |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. people who text | a. not have to pass |
| 2. make people more | b. problem of safety |
| 3. the dangers | c. aware |
| 4. accidents while | d. texting while driving |
| 5. I wish there were laws we did | e. while walking |
| 6. sometimes we lack common | f. crossing the road |
| 7. we forget about the real | g. of texting |
| 8. one that bans | h. sense |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Honolulu will (1) _____ big American city to ban pedestrians from walking (2) _____ while looking at mobile phones. The new law starts in October. It says: "No pedestrian shall (3) _____ or highway while viewing a mobile electronic device." This includes tablets and digital cameras. People breaking this law (4) _____ fine of \$15-\$35. People who (5) _____ second 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 (6) _____ and deaths when pedestrians use mobile devices.

Lawmakers called people (7) _____ walking, "phone zombies". Mr Caldwell said the ban was to make people (8) _____ the dangers of texting while walking. He said that unfortunately, (9) _____ in Honolulu have accidents while crossing the road. Caldwell said: "Sometimes I wish there were laws we (10) _____ to pass, that perhaps common sense would [exist], but sometimes we lack (11) _____." Another lawmaker said we have technology but we forget about the real problem of safety. The new (12) _____ that bans texting while driving.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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MOBILE PHONES SURVEY

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1707/170731-phone-zombies-4.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.

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) _____

