

**ŽUPANIJSKO NATJECANJE U ZNANJU ENGLESKOG
JEZIKA
za 2. razrede srednjih škola**

**SLUŠANJE S RAZUMIJEVANJEM
TEKST ZA NASTAVNIKE**

UPOZORENJE: Prije izlaska pred natjecatelje nastavnici odabrani za čitanje teksta trebaju se u sigurnoj prostoriji okupiti i pročitati tekst.

Good morning. May I have your attention, please? The listening part of the test will start now. Open your tests to page 2. As you can see, the listening task and questions are on this page.

You will hear a news report on how drivers can be distracted.

You will hear the report twice, and there will be a short pause between the two readings.

You can write your answers during both the first and second readings.

For questions 1- 10, complete the sentences using no more than two words or numbers for each gap. You will hear the words that you need to use. You do not need to change them. The answers will occur in the same order as the questions.

While you are listening, write your answers on the task itself. You may cross out your answers, change them, make notes or underline words if you wish.

After the second reading, you will have 2 minutes to check your answers and transfer your final answers to the separate Answer Sheet. You must do this carefully and clearly, and you must not change what you write on the sheet in any way.

Now, let's begin. You have 30 seconds to read through the questions.
[Count silently to 30.]

Now you will hear the speech.
[Read the passage at natural speed.]

Distracted drivers

UK researchers have revealed that 75 percent of all road accidents in the UK are caused by drivers losing concentration while at the wheel. It seems that modern technology is one of the main reasons for such occurrences. Mobile phones, MP3 players and satellite navigation systems are all contributory factors in many accidents on UK roads.

Research shows that over half of UK drivers sometimes speak on the phone while driving, while more than forty percent admit that they sometimes send text messages while at the wheel. The Department of Transport has said that it is concerned by the results. The figures are supported by data released by the Justice Ministry. Although the total number of driving offences fell to just over 12 and a half million last year, which is three percent down on the figure for the previous year, the number of offences related to mobile phone use rose significantly. In fact, the number of people stopped by the police because they were using a mobile phone while driving increased by one-third last year. The research showed that women in the age group from 17 to 29 were most likely to use a phone while at the wheel, while for men it was the 30 to 59 age group, which represents a somewhat surprising difference.

Such behaviour has been illegal in the UK since 2003. Despite the fact that in 2006 over 2,000 drivers were successfully prosecuted for using phones while behind the wheel, it seems that the penalties imposed on offenders are not enough to discourage people. At present, those who break the law are punished with a penalty of sixty pounds and three points on their licence. Road safety campaigners argue that more needs to be done if using a mobile phone while driving is to become as socially unacceptable as drinking and driving. They are proposing that drivers caught using a cell phone be banned from driving for a year in the same way as drivers under the influence of alcohol. However, if it can be demonstrated that using a phone has contributed to an accident in which someone has been injured, campaigners want offenders to be imprisoned. Other suggestions include allowing officials other than police officers, such as traffic wardens or police community support officers, to impose fines on offenders. Safety groups also want an increase in the number of advertisements on TV and road-side bill boards.

But it's not just technology that's to blame for distracting drivers. Statistics also show that noisy kids in the back seat are also a major cause of accidents on the UK's roads. Fights, complaints and questions can all lead to drivers losing concentration. Experts point out that if you are distracted, your ability to react slows down, you are more likely to cross lanes, you cease looking in your mirror and you are less aware in general of what is happening around you. The end result is that you are more likely to have an accident.