

6. Work in pairs. Discuss the role of cellphones (*BE* mobile phones) as the means of communication. Make a list of their positive and negative impacts on peoples' lives.

7. Work in pairs. For questions 1–12 read the passage from the article by Matthew Wald (*New York Times*) on the road risk cellphones may cause and choose from the list A-L the best phrase given below to fill each of the spaces.

Drivers distracted by a task \_\_\_\_\_ (1) using a “hands free” cellphone sometimes failed to stop properly at red lights and, when they recognized the light in time to stop, braked much harder than usual, increasing the chance of accidents, researchers report in a new study. In the study, 36 drivers on a test track stopped before the white line about 95 percent of the time when the light showed red. But \_\_\_\_\_ (2) a device \_\_\_\_\_ (3) cellphone, they stopped properly only 80 percent of the time. Older people, especially older women, were \_\_\_\_\_ (4) failing when distracted, although the women \_\_\_\_\_ (5) themselves more \_\_\_\_\_ (6) than older men or younger drivers, the researchers found.

The study, by a University of Central Florida psychologist and two researchers from the insurance company Liberty Mutual, has been \_\_\_\_\_ (7) publication in *Accident Analysis & Prevention*, a peer-reviewed journal. Dr. Peter A. Hancock, the psychologist and the lead author, said the study suggested that \_\_\_\_\_ (8) did not solve the problem of driver distraction.

Previous studies have suggested that cellphone use contributes to accidents. Some recent studies of \_\_\_\_\_ (9) have used \_\_\_\_\_ (10), including driving simulators and CAT scans, to see what parts of the brain were engaged by the use of cellphones. This test was \_\_\_\_\_ (11) it used, a real car, a 1991 Crown Victoria with \_\_\_\_\_ (12), on a real road, a half-mile \_\_\_\_\_ (13) in Hopkinton, Mass. Adding to the drama, it used \_\_\_\_\_ (14).

The car had a touch-screen computer installed on the dashboard, which showed a picture of a cellphone. Drivers were given a \_\_\_\_\_ (15) before they began driving. As they approached the traffic light, which was controlled by the researchers, the phone would "ring" and show a number on its screen. If the first digit was the \_\_\_\_\_ (16) the number the driver had memorized, the driver was supposed to push a button.

- A. safety margin
- B. driver distraction
- C. unusual because
- D. test track
- E. particularly susceptible to
- F. same as
- G. seven-digit number to memorize
- H. similar to
- I. with the distraction of
- J. tended to leave
- K. Boston-area drivers
- L. automatic transmission
- M. banning handheld phones
- N. devised to simulate
- O. laboratory techniques
- P. accepted for

8. Work in pairs. In most lines of the following