

Safe Driving

Overview

- Students watch an awareness video about texting and driving.
- They discuss safe driving habits.
- They reflect on their driving habits or the driving habits of someone they know.

Material Needed

Handouts, projector or TV/DVD player

Length

75 minutes

Evaluation

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Possible extensions

- Take an online test on safe driving

Preparation (20 min)

- Show the video on texting and driving: www.youtube.com/watch?v=SC3x7K3EOTk .
Warning: This video shows a car accident. Some images can be hard to watch. Please watch the video before the class to see if you are comfortable showing it to your students.
- Individually, have students answer the questions about the video (handout 1).
- Ask students share their answers with the rest of the group.
- Tell students that they are going to reflect about safe driving habits and occupations in which driving is required.

Carrying out (30 min)

Task 1

- Have students brainstorm occupations that require workers to have a driver's license. Write the answers on the board.
 - Examples: taxi driver, truck driver, delivery man, mover, courier, police officer, etc.

Task 2

- In teams of 2 or 3, have students interact orally to fill out handout 2 about safe driving habits.
- Provide students with the necessary functional language (handout 3).
- Check answers with students.

Integration (25 min)

- Ask students if their own driving habits or the driving habits of someone they know are safe. Ask them to give specific examples.
- Have students fill out the self-evaluation form (see evaluation tools in the Teacher's Guide).

Handout 1: Texting and Driving

Before watching the video

1. Do you text and drive?
2. Do your friends text and drive?
3. Do you think that it is safe to text and drive?

Watch the video about texting and driving and answer the following questions.

4. What is the cause of the accident?
5. How many people are injured?
6. How many people die?
7. What do you think about this video? Explain.
8. Does the video influence your attitude toward texting and driving?

Handout 2: Safe or Not?

Are the following driving habits safe or dangerous?

Check (☑) the appropriate column and explain your answers.

Driving habits	Safe (☑)	Not safe (☑)	Explanation
1. Driving while under the influence of drugs			
2. Drinking and driving			
3. Driving under the speed limit			
4. Driving when very tired			
5. Making sure that all your mirrors are adjusted before driving			
6. Using a voice activated cell phone (using a Bluetooth device)			
7. Speeding			
8. Driving and using a mobile phone or music player			
9. Driving and texting			
10. Removing all snow from the car before driving			
11. Car surfing			
12. Reading while driving			
13. Adopting a courteous attitude			

14. Putting make-up on while driving			
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Driving habits	Safe (<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>)	Not safe (<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>)	Explanation
15. Fully stopping at all stop signs			
16. Poor knowledge of the highway code			
17. Keeping a safe distance between your car and the car in front of you			
18. Buckling up your seatbelt			
19. Having too many passengers			
20. Slowing down when the road is slippery			
21. Focusing your attention on the road			
22. Not removing the snow on the car			
23. Driving a car that is not in good condition			
24. Driving and smoking			
25. Programming the GPS while driving			
26. Not stopping at a red light			
27. Not stopping at a stop sign			

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Handout 3: Functional Language

Functional Language	Notes
Do you think that number ____ is safe?	
I think that it is safe	
I think that it is dangerous	
What do you think?	
Do you agree?	
No, I disagree because...	
Yes, I agree	
You should... You could... You would...	
You should not... You could not...	

