

Now Read

**A** Before you read, look at the headings in bold.

1. How many safety devices are described?
2. How do you think they improve road safety?

**B** Now read the article and find out how these safety devices improve road safety.

DRIVING TODAY

**KEEPING SAFE ON THE ROAD**

Many parents are worried about their children's safety, especially when their teenage sons and daughters are driving. The question is what they should do to protect their children when they are on the road. Fortunately, there are now some new safety devices that can help prevent serious accidents.

	What does it do?	How does it improve road safety?
<b>SAFETY KEY</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It controls the speed of the car.</li> <li>• It makes a loud noise when drivers don't fasten their seatbelt.</li> <li>• It controls the volume of the radio.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drivers can't go over the speed limit.</li> <li>• It reminds drivers that they have to fasten their seatbelt.</li> <li>• It helps drivers focus on the road.</li> </ul>
<b>TRACKING DEVICE<sup>1</sup></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It uses a GPS to keep track of the car.</li> <li>• It shows the location and the speed of the car on an Internet site.</li> <li>• It sends an email to the car's owner when the driver is speeding.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It may encourage young drivers to be more careful, because their parents know exactly where they are and how fast they are driving.</li> </ul>
<b>BLOCKING PROGRAM<sup>2</sup></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It blocks all calls and text messages on cellphones.</li> <li>• It sends an automatic message to the caller. The message says that the driver will call back when he / she has reached his / her destination.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It helps drivers keep their hands on the steering wheel and their eyes on the road.</li> </ul>

These safety devices encourage responsible driving habits and give parents and families peace of mind. They may not completely protect teenagers, but they certainly help make the roads safer.

<sup>1</sup> tracking device מכשיר מעקב / جهاز متابعة

<sup>2</sup> blocking program תכנית חסימה / برنامج حظر

**C** Which safety devices in exercise C on page 59 are described in the article?

**D** Answer the questions in your notebook.

1. What information is given about the new devices in the beginning of the article?
  - a. why parents don't trust them
  - b. why they can be helpful
  - c. why they can cause serious accidents
2. What is special about the safety key?
  - a. It won't let the driver listen to loud music.
  - b. It blocks all calls.
  - c. It sends automatic messages.
3. COMPLETE THE SENTENCE.  
Drivers are reminded to fasten their seatbelt when the safety key ... .
4. CHOOSE THE TWO CORRECT ANSWERS.  
What information is given about the tracking device?
  - a. when it sends an email to the car's owner
  - b. how much it costs
  - c. which site you can go to for more information
  - d. why it can be useful for parents
  - e. where you can buy it
5. With the blocking program, the driver can't ... .
  - a. listen to the radio
  - b. go over the speed limit
  - c. answer phone calls
6. Which TWO safety devices control speeding?
7. The purpose of this article is to ... .
  - a. complain about dangerous driving habits
  - b. inform the reader about new devices for safe driving
  - c. remind drivers not to text while driving

**E** THINK AND DISCUSS

With a partner, choose one of the devices described on page 60 and give your opinion. The Useful Language and the words below will help you.

**Useful Language**

The safety key is a good / bad idea because ...  
 I like / don't like the tracking device because ...  
 I think / don't think the blocking program is a good idea because ...

*I think the safety key is very useful because drivers can't go over the speed limit.*

*I don't like the tracking device because it contacts my parents as soon as I drive too fast.*

**WORD POWER**

as a result	by chance	trouble
as long as	danger	trust
as soon as	traffic	useful
by accident		

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