

Hi-tech car key gives parents peace of mind – exercises

One in five young people have a crash within a year of passing their driving test! This hi-tech key could allow parents to make sure their children are driving safely.

Do the preparation task first. Then watch the video and do the exercises to check your understanding. If you need help, you can read the transcript at any time.

1. Preparation

Match the vocabulary with the correct definition and write a – f next to the number 1 – 6.

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| 1..... | peace of mind | a. | calmness; a state of mind without anxiety |
| 2..... | a mile | b. | to put a seat belt on |
| 3..... | a drag race | c. | a document which gives you permission to do something |
| 4..... | to buckle up | d. | a measure of distance, equal to about 1.6km |
| 5..... | to fit (a car with something) | e. | a straight-line race between two cars from a standing start |
| 6..... | a licence | f. | to install equipment |

2. Check your understanding: true or false

Circle *True* or *False* for these sentences.

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| 1. | The first young driver shown in the video is driving faster than usual. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 2. | One in every five teenage drivers has a crash in their first year of driving. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 3. | Parents use their home computer to set the speed limit for their children. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 4. | According to the reporter, Andrea Smith supports the 'My Key' system. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 5. | The 'My Key' system limits teenagers' top speed according to the speed limit of the road they are currently on. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 6. | More and more drivers, not just teenagers, are having technology fitted in their car to help them drive safely. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |

3. Check your understanding: ordering

Write a number 1 – 6 to put these parts of the news report in the correct order.

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| | The reporter mentions other kinds of technology that drivers use. |
| | The reporter talks about Andrea Smith and what happened to her son, Kyle. |
| | A motoring expert mentions reasons why 'My Key' might not be very effective. |
| | Andrea Smith says she doesn't believe teenagers realise how dangerous driving is. |
| | The reporter gives facts about why teenage drivers are less safe. |
| | A spokesman explains how the 'My Key' system works. |

4. Check your vocabulary: gap fill

Complete the sentences with a word from the box.

set	give	limit	take
take	welcomes	keep	breaking

1. Teenage drivers _____ more risks.
2. Ford say its new 'My Key' system will _____ parents peace of mind.
3. Parents can _____ the speed limit and audio volume for their children.
4. Andrea Smith _____ any attempt to improve safety.
5. But, even though the system can _____ driver's speed, it doesn't necessarily stop them _____ the law.
6. It doesn't _____ into account your rate of acceleration, either.
7. Cars are increasingly being fitted with radars, lasers and cameras to _____ motorists in their lane and a safe distance apart.

5. Check your vocabulary: multiple choice

Circle the best answer for these questions.

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| 1. | Teenagers drive faster and take more risks. _____ a year of passing their test, one in five has had a crash. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. In b. With c. Within d. Without |
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| 2. | This programme key can limit speed, restrict the volume of the stereo and _____ mute it altogether. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. ever b. even if c. even though d. even |
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| 3. | You _____ have two keys – one is the parent key, one is the teen key. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. truly b. actually c. genuinely d. actively |
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| 4. | _____ the younger driver then comes into the vehicle, the limits are already set. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. When b. During c. While d. Meanwhile |
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| 5. | _____ you give somebody a licence, you are giving them a licence to kill. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. One time b. Only c. Once d. Before |
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| 6. | You can still break the law, _____ the system is limiting you to a certain speed. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. ever b. eventually c. even though d. even |
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Discussion

Do you agree that teenage drivers are sometimes dangerous?

How old do you have to be to drive in your country?

Are you keen to take your driving test?

What do you think is a suitable age to become a driver?