

PART 1. READING COMPREHENSION

Parents to Get Key to Safe Teenage Driving



For generations of teenagers, access to the family car has been a rare moment of freedom, an opportunity to turn up the stereo and drive fast without a seatbelt.

But not any more – not, at least, for the offspring of parents who drive a Ford car.

The US motoring company has announced that it will introduce a concept called MyKey to its European models next year. The new cars have a second car key which parents can give to their children. This key can be programmed with specific limitations for the vehicle.

The new technology is already on most US Ford models. It gives a number of options designed to make teenage motoring as safe as possible. For example, parents can now put a maximum speed limit on the car as well as a maximum volume on the audio system.

The maximum speed can be set at 120kmph, with the option of a warning noise at 70, 90 or 105kmph. Seatbelt reminders can be louder and more frequent than usual. In addition, the car radio won't work until the seatbelt is put on. The low fuel warning can also be made to sound sooner, to stop young drivers running out of petrol.

In a survey, the Ford company found that American parents welcomed the chance to manage the behaviour of their teenage children when they first start to drive.

There is, of course, a serious side to the technology because young drivers are statistically far more likely to be involved in car accidents than older drivers. In the UK 13% of those aged 17 or 18 have a crash compared to 4.5% of motorists in their 40s.

“The more we can do to encourage safe driving and limit distraction the better,” said Peter Patzelt, the Ford designer behind MyKey. “With MyKey, parents can set limitations, while still allowing the freedom of driving a car.”

Original article by Peter Walker, rewritten by Janet Hardy-Gould

Glossary:

Offspring: children

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2.b. Answer the questions with full sentences using your own words.

1. What is MyKey?
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2. What can parents do to make driving safer?
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3. What have statistics shown?
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4. Is the system a good idea? Support your answer.
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2.c. Write questions for these answers.

1.? ?
Europe.
- 2? ?
Next Year.
- 3.....? ?
120 Kmph.
- 4.....? ?
The car radio will not work
- 5.....? ?
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PART 2. USE OF ENGLISH

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Ann: It's a pity that you 17) _____ (not / have) your swimming trunks on.

Mother: OK. Let's hurry to our hotel. Tomorrow 18) _____ (be) a better day.

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Complete the blanks with *a, an, the* or - (no article).

Jeanette is 1. _____ artist and she lives on 2. _____ Prince Street, in 3. _____ village in 4. _____ north of England, 5. _____ United Kingdom. Jeanette enjoys 6. _____ sports and 7. _____ nature very much so every time she has some free time she goes to 8. _____ Lake Buttermere with some friends. They usually have 9. _____ swim there and relax. She and her friends like travelling so when they are on holiday, they go to 10. _____ Mount Pleasant in Dorset to do some trekking or they go to 11. _____ Channel Islands and explore the area. They usually book 12. _____ accommodation in advance because those places are very popular.

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Of course, I didn't do them any harm in the end, since I understood I was obsessed with dolls and I was already a grown-up.

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- 3 _____
- 4 _____
- 5 _____
- 6 _____
- 7 _____
- 8 _____
- 9 _____
- 10 _____
- 11 _____
- 12 _____
- 13 _____
- 14 _____

6. COMPARATIVES AND SUPERLATIVES.

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- a. who b. where c. which

10) If we _____ in London today, we _____ be able to go to the concert in Hyde Park.

- a. are / will b. were / would c. were / will

8. COMMON ERRORS

Find and correct 15 mistakes in the text. Cross out the wrong words and/or add what is necessary. Do not rewrite the text:

Kati was a student of English in London, where she stayed with the Bennett family. She has now returned home. Read the letter she has written to Mr. and Mrs. Bennett.

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Dear Mr. and Mrs. Bennett,

I have been home for two weeks now, but when I arrived at home I must start work immediately so this is my first

opportunity to write to you. How are you all? Are you all busy? Is Andrew still worked hard for his exams? I miss you a lot

and also all my friends from my English class. Yesterday, I've received a letter from one of the Greek students I met in

England, Christina. She told about some of the other students. She said me that the Japanese girls Katsida and Yikuko will

write to me this summer. When I was in England, I did a lot of good friends and I enjoyed very much my stay there. I think I

learned a lot of English and also met people from so many different countries! My family is fine. They had a good summer

holiday the last month. We are all very exciting because my brother has decided to got married before Christmas. We

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one soon, they will stay with we in my house.

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you was a wonderful experience for me. I learned so many things!

Goodbye,

Kati

KEY

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Question making:

1. When will the new technology/my key be introduced?
2. Where will the US motoring company introduce my key?
3. How fast will the car go? How fast can the maximum speed be set at?
4. What will happen / happens if teenagers don't wear the seatbelt?
5. Why did parents welcome My Key/the new technology?

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