

ENG3U

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**1-2E: persuasive “PEEL” paragraph (25 marks)**

**Topic:** Should talking on a phone while driving be illegal?

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~~In fact,~~ it should be illegal to talk on the phone while driving, even when hands-

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free is on. There are two major hazards about making or receiving calls while driving

on a car. Firstly, it could distract the driver's attention. For instance, it is obviously that

we need to free up one hand to answer the phone, which requires us to operate the car

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with the other one. However, when there are some special situations that need us to

handle with both hands while driving, it would be pretty dangerous. What's more,

when people make or receive calls, the brain response is 30% slower than drunk

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driving. And not to mention that the young driver's reaction speed is only equivalent

to 70-year-old driver while answering the phone, which sharply weakens the driver's

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ability to respond. Secondly, the risk of traffic accidents caused by driving by phone is

4 times higher than usual, and more than 30% of fatal traffic accidents are caused by

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driver's lack of concentration. According to the survey data, the chance of a car

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accident is 23 times higher when you pick up the phone while driving, when you

answer the phone, the hands-free is turned on, and the line of sight stays on the screen

of the mobile phone is generally close to 5 seconds. Calculated at 80 to 90 km/h, 5

seconds is enough to drive past a football field. Before the car accident almost

happened, these 5 seconds were enough for the driver to fully avoid the disaster.

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Therefore, for the sake of people's safety, I insist that making phone calls while

driving should be illegal.

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- 1.1 The spacing between the lines is incorrect - it should be double spaced.
- 1.2 the
- 1.3 Word choice - this is an awkward introductory phrase
- 1.4 setting
- 1.5 provide specific details for a more thorough argument: what are the special circumstances?
  
- 2.1 This is an informal transitional phrase that we use when speaking. Instead you can try: In addition, Furthermore, Moreover, etc.
- 2.2 awkward sentence structure
- 2.3 review semi-colon use: semi-colons should only be used to connect independent clauses when there is a connection between them.
- 2.4 provide some specifics about the survey - ex) In a 2009 survey conducted by Stanford...
- 2.5 unnecessary use of semi-colon
- 2.6 This is an excellent example, but you are missing the explanation. You need to be clear and direct about the argument that you are making. Ex) A few seconds are the difference between life or death. Cell-phones are a distraction that inhibit people's ability to make maintain their focus on driving.