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## Level 3

# Texting while walking is dangerous

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# THE ARTICLE

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Reading or writing text messages while you are walking is dangerous. A new study says it is more dangerous than texting while driving. The study is from the University of Buffalo in the USA. Researchers found that there are more injuries per kilometer to texting pedestrians than there are to texting motorists. Their report says walking is not as easy as we think it is. We need to focus on many things at the same time to walk safely in a straight line. The research team said that people forget how to walk properly, so dangerous things happen to them. They bump into walls and other people, walk into cars, fall over things in the street, and even fall into holes or down stairs.

A University of Buffalo professor said walking is a complex action. He said there are several reasons why texting stops people from walking properly. One reason is that they cannot see the path ahead of them. Another is that they are focused on their fingers on their mobile phone keyboard instead of their feet on the street. A final reason is that their minds are somewhere else and not on thinking about walking from A to B safely. The professor said over 6,000 people visited his hospital last year because they were injured while texting. He said the worst cases are head injuries. When a pedestrian is tossed into the air after being hit by a car, he/she has nothing to protect the head, and the damage can be serious.

Sources: <http://hothardware.com/News/Texting-And-Walking-Is-Hazardous-To-Your-Health-Too-But-You-Knew-That/>  
<http://wtop.com/256/3574525/Texting-walking-more-risky-than-distracted-driving>

# WARM-UPS

**1. TEXTING:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about texting. Change partners often and share your findings.

**2. CHAT:** In pairs / groups, decide which of these topics or words from the article are most interesting and which are most boring.

*text messages / dangerous / study / injuries / walking / straight line / research / holes / professor / properly / path / keyboard / final reason / worst cases / hospital / serious*

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

**3. WALKING:** Is it OK to do these things while walking in public? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Why OK?	Why not OK?
Texting		
Singing		
Eating		
Reading a book		
Closing your eyes		
Playing a guitar		

**4. ILLEGAL:** Students A **strongly** believe texting while walking should be illegal; Students B **strongly** believe not. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**5. DANGERS:** Rank these with your partner. Put the biggest dangers at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- texting while walking
- eating fast food
- not wearing a seatbelt
- skiing
- cycling in a city
- playing soccer
- using earphones at full volume
- stressful jobs

**6. DRIVING:** Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "driving". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1403/140312-texting-while-walking.html>

**1. TRUE / FALSE:** Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- |    |  |       |
|----|--|-------|
| a. | It is more dangerous to text while walking than while driving.           | T / F |
| b. | A study says people who text and walk are injured every kilometer.       | T / F |
| c. | Researchers said walking isn't as easy as we think it is.                | T / F |
| d. | The article says people who walk and text often fall up stairs.          | T / F |
| e. | A professor said people do not focus on their feet when they text.       | T / F |
| f. | The professor said people who text are absent-minded.                    | T / F |
| g. | 60,000 people visited the professor in 2013 because of texting injuries. | T / F |
| h. | The professor said the worst texting injuries are head injuries.         | T / F |

**2. SYNONYM MATCH:** Match the following synonyms from the article.

- |     |           |    |             |
|-----|-----------|----|-------------|
| 1.  | study     | a. | complicated |
| 2.  | found     | b. | correctly   |
| 3.  | motorists | c. | thrown      |
| 4.  | properly  | d. | discovered  |
| 5.  | things    | e. | in front    |
| 6.  | complex   | f. | report      |
| 7.  | ahead     | g. | safeguard   |
| 8.  | injured   | h. | drivers     |
| 9.  | tossed    | i. | hurt        |
| 10. | protect   | j. | stuff       |

**3. PHRASE MATCH:** (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- |     |                           |    |                            |
|-----|---------------------------|----|----------------------------|
| 1.  | writing text messages     | a. | line                       |
| 2.  | it is more dangerous      | b. | keyboard                   |
| 3.  | walking is not as         | c. | over things                |
| 4.  | in a straight             | d. | are head injuries          |
| 5.  | fall                      | e. | easy as we think it is     |
| 6.  | there are several reasons | f. | while you are walking      |
| 7.  | mobile phone              | g. | A to B safely              |
| 8.  | walking from              | h. | be serious                 |
| 9.  | the worst cases           | i. | than texting while driving |
| 10. | the damage can            | j. | why                        |

# GAP FILL

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1403/140312-texting-while-walking.html>

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*bump*  
*motorists*  
*study*  
*happen*  
*text*  
*holes*  
*injuries*  
*straight*

A University of Buffalo professor said walking is a (9) \_\_\_\_\_ action. He said there are several reasons why texting stops people from walking (10) \_\_\_\_\_. One reason is that they cannot see the path (11) \_\_\_\_\_ of them. Another is that they are focused on their fingers on their mobile phone keyboard instead of their feet on the street. A (12) \_\_\_\_\_ reason is that their minds are somewhere else and not on thinking about walking from A to B (13) \_\_\_\_\_. The professor said over 6,000 people visited his hospital last year because they were injured while texting. He said the worst (14) \_\_\_\_\_ are head injuries. When a pedestrian is tossed into the (15) \_\_\_\_\_ after being hit by a car, he/she has nothing to protect the head, and the damage can be (16) \_\_\_\_\_.

*safely*  
*serious*  
*ahead*  
*cases*  
*complex*  
*air*  
*properly*  
*final*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) writing text messages while you are walking \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. is dangers
  - b. is danger-less
  - c. is dangerous
  - d. is dangerously
- 2) Researchers found that there are more \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. injuries per kilometer
  - b. injuries par kilometer
  - c. injuries for kilometer
  - d. injuries of kilometer
- 3) We need to focus on many things at the same time to walk safely \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. in a straight line
  - b. in a straight lane
  - c. in a straight lean
  - d. in a straight rain
- 4) The research team said that people forget how \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. to walk property
  - b. to walk proper
  - c. to walk improperly
  - d. to walk properly
- 5) They bump into walls and \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. other people's
  - b. other peoples
  - c. other peopled
  - d. other people
- 6) A University of Buffalo professor said walking is \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. a complexity action
  - b. a complexion action
  - c. a complex action
  - d. a complexes action
- 7) One reason is that they cannot see the \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. path a head of them
  - b. path a heard of them
  - c. path a hard of them
  - d. path ahead of them
- 8) Another is that they are focused \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. on them fingers
  - b. on their fingers
  - c. on they fingers
  - d. on they're fingers
- 9) A final reason is that their minds \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. are sometimes else
  - b. are anywhere else
  - c. are something else
  - d. are somewhere else
- 10) the damage can \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. be seriously
  - b. be serious
  - c. be seriousness
  - d. be series

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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A University of Buffalo professor said walking (7) \_\_\_\_\_. He said there are several reasons why texting stops people from walking properly. One reason is that they cannot (8) \_\_\_\_\_ of them. Another is that they (9) \_\_\_\_\_ their fingers on their mobile phone keyboard instead of their feet on the street. A final reason is that their minds are somewhere (10) \_\_\_\_\_ thinking about walking from A to B safely. The professor said over 6,000 people visited his hospital last year because they were injured while texting. He said the worst (11) \_\_\_\_\_. When a pedestrian is tossed into the air after being hit by a car, he/she has nothing (12) \_\_\_\_\_, and the damage can be serious.

# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1403/140312-texting-while-walking.html>

1. What says texting while walking is dangerous?

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2. What is texting while walking more dangerous than?

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3. What do we need to do to walk in a straight line?

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4. What two things do people bump into while walking and texting?

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5. What do people sometimes fall down while walking and texting?

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6. How many reasons did a professor give for why texting makes walking difficult?

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7. What was the first reason for not walking properly?

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8. Where did the professor say people's minds are while they are texting?

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9. How many people visited the professor's hospital?

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10. What kinds of injuries did the professor say were worst?

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# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1403/140312-texting-while-walking.html>

1. What says texting while walking is dangerous?
  - a) the book on walking safely
  - b) a study
  - c) the International Text-Walkers Organisation (ITWO)
  - d) a "walk safely" app
2. What is texting while walking more dangerous than?
  - a) parachuting
  - b) eating 10 large hamburgers
  - c) texting while driving
  - d) being a soldier
3. What do we need to do to walk in a straight line?
  - a) decide which way to go
  - b) use a piece of chalk
  - c) not drink alcohol
  - d) focus on many things
4. What two things do people bump into while walking and texting?
  - a) old friends and people from work
  - b) other people and walls
  - c) ice cream pizza
  - d) telephones and bridges
5. What do people sometimes fall down while walking and texting?
  - a) stairs
  - b) hills
  - c) wells
  - d) rabbit holes
6. How many reasons did a professor give for why texting makes walking difficult?
  - a) several
  - b) countless
  - c) 17
  - d) many
7. What was the first reason for not walking properly?
  - a) holes in the street
  - b) bad-fitting shoes
  - c) very important texts
  - d) people cannot see ahead
8. Where did the professor say people's minds are while they are texting?
  - a) between their ears
  - b) inside their mobile phones
  - c) somewhere else
  - d) asleep
9. How many people visited the professor's hospital?
  - a) sixty million
  - b) 660
  - c) over 60 thousand
  - d) over six thousand
10. What kinds of injuries did the professor say were worst?
  - a) back injuries
  - b) head injuries
  - c) eye injuries
  - d) fingernail injuries

# ROLE PLAY

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1403/140312-texting-while-walking.html>

## **Role A – Fast food**

You think fast food is the biggest danger. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least dangerous of these (and why): skiing, texting while walking or a stressful job.

## **Role B – Skiing**

You think skiing is the biggest danger. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least dangerous of these (and why): fast food, texting while walking or a stressful job.

## **Role C – Texting while walking**

You think texting while walking is the biggest danger. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least dangerous of these (and why): skiing, fast food or a stressful job.

## **Role D – A stressful job**

You think a stressful job is the biggest danger. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which is the least dangerous of these (and why): skiing, texting while walking or fast food.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1403/140312-texting-while-walking.html>

**1. WORD SEARCH:** Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'text' and 'message'.

<b>text</b>	<b>message</b>
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS:** Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**3. GAP FILL:** In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

**4. VOCABULARY:** Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

**5. TEST EACH OTHER:** Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• study</li><li>• kilometer</li><li>• focus</li><li>• line</li><li>• bump</li><li>• stairs</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• complex</li><li>• path</li><li>• final</li><li>• B</li><li>• worst</li><li>• serious</li></ul>
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# TEXTING SURVEY

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1403/140312-texting-while-walking.html>

Write five GOOD questions about texting in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

# TEXTING DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

- a) What did you think when you read the headline?
- b) What springs to mind when you hear the word 'texting'?
- c) Do you think texting is useful? Why?
- d) Are you good at texting while you walk?
- e) Do you think texting while walking is dangerous?
- f) Have you ever bumped into someone or fallen over?
- g) Why is texting more dangerous while walking than while driving?
- h) Do we really need to focus a lot on walking in a straight line?
- i) Can you text and do other things properly at the same time?
- j) Some people think texting while walking should be illegal. Do you?

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# TEXTING DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

- a) Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- b) Why is walking complex? What needs to happen for us to walk?
- c) If a car hits a texting pedestrian, whose fault is it?
- d) If a texting pedestrian bumped into you and injured you, what would you do?
- e) Will you stop texting while walking?
- f) Do you check Facebook, Twitter or other things while walking?
- g) Why can't people wait until they stop walking to text?
- h) What do you think of cyclists who text?
- i) Should pedestrians wear a helmet as protection against injury?
- j) What questions would you like to ask the professor?

# DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

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# DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

# LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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A University of Buffalo professor said walking is a complex action. He said there are (7) \_\_\_\_\_ reasons why texting stops people from walking properly. One reason is that they cannot see the path (8) \_\_\_\_\_ of them. Another is that they are focused on their fingers on their mobile phone keyboard instead of their feet on the street. A (9) \_\_\_\_\_ reason is that their minds are somewhere else and not on thinking about walking from A to B (10) \_\_\_\_\_. The professor said over 6,000 people visited his hospital last year because they were injured while texting. He said the worst (11) \_\_\_\_\_ are head injuries. When a pedestrian is tossed into the air after being hit by a car, he/she has nothing to protect the head, and the damage can be (12) \_\_\_\_\_.

## Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- |     |               |                  |                  |               |
|-----|---------------|------------------|------------------|---------------|
| 1.  | (a) textual   | (b) texted       | (c) text         | (d) texts     |
| 2.  | (a) pre       | (b) per          | (c) par          | (d) purr      |
| 3.  | (a) motorists | (b) motors       | (c) motored      | (d) motorist  |
| 4.  | (a) on        | (b) an           | (c) in           | (d) of        |
| 5.  | (a) property  | (b) prosperously | (c) pathetically | (d) properly  |
| 6.  | (a) odd       | (b) odds         | (c) evens        | (d) even      |
| 7.  | (a) several   | (b) numeral      | (c) numbered     | (d) severe    |
| 8.  | (a) head      | (b) front        | (c) fronted      | (d) ahead     |
| 9.  | (a) final     | (b) finally      | (c) finals       | (d) finalised |
| 10. | (a) safety    | (b) safely       | (c) safes        | (d) safe      |
| 11. | (a) boxes     | (b) cases        | (c) cartons      | (d) bags      |
| 12. | (a) serious   | (b) series       | (c) severs       | (d) soars     |

# SPELLING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1403/140312-texting-while-walking.html>

## Paragraph 1

1. text aseesmgs
2. Researchers found that there are more eujnrisi
3. texting iardspseent
4. texting ismtotsor
5. walk safely in a rtsghait line
6. forget how to walk porrlype

## Paragraph 2

7. walking is a lcoxemp action
8. there are resleav reasons why
9. on their mobile phone oybrkdea
10. walking from A to B yslaef
11. nothing to pcrteot the head
12. the damage can be sesroi



# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1403/140312-texting-while-walking.html>

**Number these lines in the correct order.**

- ( ) A University of Buffalo professor said walking is a complex action. He said there are several reasons
- ( ) dangerous than texting while driving. The study is from the University of Buffalo in the USA. Researchers found
- ( ) on the street. A final reason is that their minds are somewhere else and not on thinking about walking
- ( ) that there are more injuries per kilometer to texting pedestrians than there are to texting
- ( **1** ) Reading or writing text messages while you are walking is dangerous. A new study says it is more
- ( ) of them. Another is that they are focused on their fingers on their mobile phone keyboard instead of their feet
- ( ) the same time to walk safely in a straight line. The research team said that people forget how to walk
- ( ) from A to B safely. The professor said over 6,000 people visited his hospital last year because they were
- ( ) into cars, fall over things in the street, and even fall into holes or down stairs.
- ( ) air after being hit by a car, he/she has nothing to protect the head, and the damage can be serious.
- ( ) motorists. Their report says walking is not as easy as we think it is. We need to focus on many things at
- ( ) injured while texting. He said the worst cases are head injuries. When a pedestrian is tossed into the
- ( ) why texting stops people from walking properly. One reason is that they cannot see the path ahead
- ( ) properly, so dangerous things happen to them. They bump into walls and other people, walk

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1403/140312-texting-while-walking.html>

1. dangerous A says more texting study is than new it.

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2. easy as not is walking says report Their think we as.

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3. need We time same the at things many on focus to.

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4. to properly People how walk forget.

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5. walls into bump They people other and.

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6. there said He why reasons several are.

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7. walking stops from properly Texting people.

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8. reason they the One that see is cannot path.

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9. safely from A Thinking to about B walking.

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10. cases He are said head the injuries worst.

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# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1403/140312-texting-while-walking.html>

Reading or writing text messages while you are *waking* / *walking* is dangerous. A new study says it is more *danger* / *dangerous* than texting while driving. The study is from the University of Buffalo in the USA. Researchers found that there are more *injury* / *injuries* per kilometer to texting pedestrians than there are to texting *motorists* / *motors*. Their report says walking is not as *easily* / *easy* as we think it is. We need to focus *on* / *in* many things at the same time to walk *safety* / *safely* in a straight line. The research team said that people *forget* / *forgetting* how to walk properly, so dangerous things *happening* / *happen* to them. They bump into walls and other people, walk into cars, fall over things in the street, and even fall into holes or *down* / *up* stairs.

A University of Buffalo professor said walking is a complex *actions* / *action*. He said there are several *reasons* / *reason* why texting stops people from walking *properly* / *property*. One reason is that they cannot see the path *ahead* / *head* of them. Another is that they are focused on their fingers on their mobile phone keyboard instead *for* / *of* their feet on the street. A final reason is that their *minds* / *mends* are somewhere else and not on thinking about walking from A to B safely. The professor said *over* / *more* 6,000 people visited his hospital last year because they were *injuries* / *injured* while texting. He said the worst cases are head injuries. When a pedestrian is tossed into the *air* / *oxygen* after being hit by a car, he/she has nothing to protect the head, and the damage can be *serious* / *seriously*.

**Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.**

# INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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R\_\_d\_\_ng \_\_r wr\_t\_\_ng t\_xt m\_ss\_g\_s wh\_l\_\_ y\_\_ \_\_r  
w\_lk\_\_ng \_\_s d\_\_ng r\_\_s. \_\_n\_w st\_dy s\_ys t\_\_s m\_r  
d\_\_ng r\_\_s th\_n t\_xt\_\_ng wh\_l\_\_ dr\_v\_\_ng. Th\_\_ st\_dy \_\_s  
fr\_m th\_\_ \_\_n\_v\_rs\_ty \_\_f B\_ff\_l\_\_ \_\_n th\_\_ \_\_S\_\_.  
R\_s\_\_rch\_rs f\_\_nd th\_t th\_r\_\_ r\_\_ m\_r\_\_ \_\_nj\_r\_\_s p\_r  
k\_l\_m\_t\_r t\_\_ t\_xt\_\_ng p\_d\_str\_\_ns th\_n th\_r\_\_ r\_\_ t\_\_  
t\_xt\_\_ng m\_t\_r\_sts. Th\_\_ r\_r\_p\_rt s\_ys w\_lk\_\_ng \_\_s n\_t  
\_\_s \_\_sy \_\_s w\_\_ th\_nk \_\_t \_\_s. W\_\_n\_\_d t\_\_ f\_c\_s \_\_n m\_ny  
th\_ngs \_\_t th\_\_ s\_m\_\_t\_m\_\_t\_\_ w\_lk s\_f\_ly \_\_n \_\_str\_\_ght  
l\_n\_\_. Th\_\_ r\_s\_\_rch t\_\_m s\_\_d th\_t p\_\_pl\_\_ f\_rg\_t h\_w  
t\_\_ w\_lk pr\_p\_rly, s\_\_d\_\_ng r\_\_s th\_ngs h\_\_pp\_n t\_\_ th\_m.  
Th\_y b\_\_mp \_\_nt\_\_ w\_lls \_\_nd \_\_th\_r p\_\_pl\_\_, w\_lk \_\_nt\_\_  
c\_rs, f\_ll\_\_v\_r th\_ngs \_\_n th\_\_ str\_\_t, \_\_nd \_\_v\_n f\_ll \_\_nt\_\_  
h\_l\_s \_\_r d\_wn st\_\_rs.

\_\_ \_\_n\_v\_rs\_ty \_\_f B\_ff\_l\_\_ pr\_f\_ss\_r s\_\_d w\_lk\_\_ng \_\_s \_\_  
c\_\_mpl\_x \_\_ct\_\_n. H\_\_ s\_\_d th\_r\_\_ r\_\_ s\_v\_r\_l r\_\_s\_n\_s  
why t\_xt\_\_ng st\_ps p\_\_pl\_\_ fr\_m w\_lk\_\_ng pr\_p\_rly. \_\_n\_\_  
r\_\_s\_n \_\_s th\_t th\_y c\_\_nn\_t s\_\_ th\_\_ p\_th \_\_h\_\_d \_\_f  
th\_m. \_\_n th\_r\_\_ s\_\_ th\_t th\_y \_\_r f\_c\_s\_d \_\_n th\_\_ r\_\_  
f\_n\_g\_rs \_\_n th\_\_ r\_m\_b\_l\_\_ ph\_n\_\_ k\_yb\_\_rd \_\_nst\_\_d \_\_f  
th\_\_ r\_f\_\_t \_\_n th\_\_ str\_\_t. \_\_f\_n\_l r\_\_s\_n \_\_s th\_t th\_\_ r\_\_  
m\_nds \_\_r s\_m\_w\_h\_r\_\_ \_\_ls\_\_ \_\_nd n\_t \_\_n th\_nk\_\_ng \_\_b\_\_t  
w\_lk\_\_ng fr\_m \_\_t\_\_ B\_s\_f\_ly. Th\_\_ pr\_f\_ss\_r s\_\_d \_\_v\_r  
6,000 p\_\_pl\_\_ v\_s\_t\_d h\_s h\_sp\_t\_l\_l st\_y\_\_r b\_c\_\_s\_\_  
th\_y w\_r\_\_ \_\_nj\_r\_d wh\_l\_\_ t\_xt\_\_ng. H\_\_ s\_\_d th\_\_ w\_rst  
c\_s\_s \_\_r h\_\_d \_\_nj\_r\_\_s. Wh\_n \_\_p\_d\_str\_\_n \_\_s t\_ss\_d  
\_\_nt\_\_ th\_\_ \_\_r \_\_ft\_r b\_\_ng h\_t by \_\_c\_r, h\_/sh\_\_ h\_s  
n\_th\_\_ng t\_\_ pr\_t\_ct th\_\_ h\_\_d, \_\_nd th\_\_ d\_m\_g\_\_ c\_n b\_\_  
s\_r\_\_s.

# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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a university of buffalo professor said walking is a complex action he said there are several reasons why texting stops people from walking properly one reason is that they cannot see the path ahead of them another is that they are focused on their fingers on their mobile phone keyboard instead of their feet on the street a final reason is that their minds are somewhere else and not on thinking about walking from a to b safely the professor said over 6000 people visited his hospital last year because they were injured while texting he said the worst cases are head injuries when a pedestrian is tossed into the air after being hit by a car he/she has nothing to protect the head and the damage can be serious

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# ACADEMIC WRITING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1403/140312-texting-while-walking.html>

*Texting while walking is dangerous. It should be illegal. Discuss.*

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# HOMework

**1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION:** Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

**2. INTERNET:** Search the Internet and find out more about the texting while walking. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. TEXTING:** Make a poster about the dangers of texting. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. WALKING:** Write a magazine article about the texting while walking. Should it be illegal? Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against making texting while walking illegal.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

**5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?** Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**6. LETTER:** Write a letter to an expert on texting. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your ideas on it. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

a T    b F    c T    d F    e T    f F    g F    h T

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

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|--------------|----------------|
| 1. study     | a. report      |
| 2. found     | b. discovered  |
| 3. motorists | c. drivers     |
| 4. properly  | d. correctly   |
| 5. things    | e. stuff       |
| 6. complex   | f. complicated |
| 7. ahead     | g. in front    |
| 8. injured   | h. hurt        |
| 9. tossed    | i. thrown      |
| 10. protect  | j. safeguard   |

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. A new study
2. Texting while driving
3. Focus on many things
4. Walls and other people
5. Stairs
6. Several (three)
7. People cannot see the path ahead of them
8. Somewhere else
9. Over 6,000
10. Head injuries

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

1. b    2. c    3. d    4. b    5. a    6. a    7. d    8. c    9. d    10. b

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.  
(It's good for your English ;-)