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Level 4

Drivers who took car crash photos in trouble

15th August, 2014

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THE READING

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British police are taking action against four motorists for taking photos of a crash scene while driving. This is the first time "rubberneckers" in Britain will face legal action. Four rubberneckers slowed down to photo the crash. Drivers behind them had to brake so they wouldn't hit the rubberneckers. Police said the rubberneckers were irresponsible. They did not drive carefully, nor think about the safety of other motorists.

Nobody was injured in the crash, but the rubberneckers made other drivers slow down. Police said the rubberneckers "showed no regard for their own or of other people's safety as they used their mobile phones to record or video the wreckage". The rubberneckers were not in control of their car. The police said: "One of the causes of serious injury and fatal collisions is the use of mobile telephones." They told drivers to lock their phones away when driving.

Sources: <http://www.mirror.co.uk/news/uk-news/rubber-necking-motorists-prosecuted-taking-mobile-4042382#ixzz3AEoLXnJQ>
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MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. police are taking action | a. carefully |
| 2. rubberneckers in Britain will face | b. of other motorists |
| 3. rubberneckers slowed down | c. them had to brake |
| 4. Drivers behind | d. against four motorists |
| 5. They did not drive | e. to photo the crash |
| 6. think about the safety | f. legal action |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. Nobody was injured | a. or of other people's safety |
| 2. showed no regard for their own | b. fatal collisions |
| 3. record or video | c. away when driving |
| 4. The rubberneckers were not | d. the wreckage |
| 5. serious injury and | e. in the crash |
| 6. They told drivers to lock their phones | f. in control of their car |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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British police (1) _____ against four motorists for taking photos of (2) _____ driving. This is the first time "rubberneckers" in Britain will (3) _____. Four rubberneckers (4) _____ photo the crash. Drivers behind them had to brake so they wouldn't hit the rubberneckers. Police said the rubberneckers (5) _____. They did not drive carefully, nor think about the safety (6) _____.

Nobody was (7) _____, but the rubberneckers made other drivers slow down. Police said the rubberneckers "(8) _____ for their own or of other people's (9) _____ their mobile phones to record or (10) _____". The rubberneckers were not in control of their car. The police said: "One (11) _____ serious injury and fatal collisions is the use of mobile telephones." They told drivers to (12) _____ away when driving.

RUBBERNECKERS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about rubberneckers 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.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

- a) _____
- b) _____
- c) _____
- d) _____
- e) _____
- f) _____
- g) _____
- h) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

- a) _____
- b) _____
- c) _____
- d) _____
- e) _____
- f) _____
- g) _____
- h) _____

