

Cambridge Solution

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B1.1 : Unit 3 R

- 1 According to the article, what is a main transport problem today?
- ☐ the number of cars on the road
 - ☐ penalties for road deaths are not given
 - ☒ the number of people killed in traffic accidents
- 2 In some countries, what is the most frequent cause of early death in young people?
- ☐ motorcycle accidents
 - ☐ bus accidents
 - ☒ traffic accidents
- 3 What is the cause of most traffic accidents?
- ☐ not wearing helmets
 - ☒ drivers' mistakes
 - ☐ fast driving
- 4 According to the article, what are some motorists distracted by?
- ☐ traffic accidents
 - ☒ mobile phones
 - ☐ motorcyclists not wearing helmets
- 5 What is most important for reducing the number of traffic accidents?

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- ☒ the behaviour of other drivers
- ☐ the condition of the roads
- ☐ the number of cars on the road

6 What do speed cameras do?

- ☐ record the drivers' movements in the car
- ☐ count the number of cars
- ☒ check the speed of cars

- 1 Around the world, 1.3 million people  die each year.
- 2 In 2016, over 37,000 people  died in car accidents in the United States.
- 3 Not wearing a helmet  on a motorcycle is a major cause of many road deaths.
- 4 People who don't wear seat belts  should have to pay a penalty.
- 5 The group most likely to die in a car crash is young people .
- 6 If speed bumps  were introduced, drivers would have to go more slowly.

I live on the outskirts of the city so there are not a lot of public transport options. There is no rail system that I can take into the city. I could take a bus. However, then I would have to get off and take another bus over the bridge that connects to the downtown area. As a result, like most commuters in the area, I drive to work. This helps create a lot of traffic congestion in the mornings and evenings. I wish I could cycle to work, but with all the vehicles on the road, it isn't safe for cyclists.



In every city in the world, the worst time for traffic **congestion** is rush **hour** in the morning and the evening. Different cities have reached different solutions to this problem. For example, in London there is a congestion charge which makes it expensive to drive in the centre of the city. This encourages people to travel by public **transport** or to cycle. To help cyclists in London, special cycle **lanes** have been created. In Canada, joining a car **share** is encouraged, with special lanes on the highway for cars with more than one person inside. In old cities, where the roads are narrow, parking **restrictions** can be introduced to stop parked cars from blocking traffic.

Verb or verb phrase	Synonym
stop from happening	prevent ✓
think about	consider ✓
try	attempt ✓
make	produce ✓
make smaller or lower	reduce ✓
get someone to do or think something	convince ✓
use in an inefficient way	waste ✓
need	require ✓

- 1 Pedestrians (people who walk) should  always try to be safe when they walk on busy streets.
- 2 It is important  to obey traffic signals such as red lights.
- 3 Crossing streets only at marked pedestrian crossings is a good idea .
- 4 Wearing  a helmet when you cycle is a good idea.
- 5 Pedestrians should  walk on the pavement, not in the street.
- 6 You shouldn't  wear headphones or talk on your mobile phone while crossing the street.

- 1 Public transport is made cheaper. More people use public transport.

If Public transport is made cheaper, more people will use public transport. 

- 2 More people use public transport. There is less pollution from cars.

If more people use public transport, there will be less pollution from cars. 

- 3 There is less pollution from cars. Children are healthier.

If there is less pollution from cars, children will be healthier. 

- 4 There is less traffic congestion. People won't get road rage.

If there is less traffic congestion, people won't get road rage. 

- 5 Wearing seat belts becomes law for passengers everywhere. Fewer people die in accidents.

If wearing seat belts becomes law for passengers everywhere, fewer people will die in accidents. 

1 If people ✓ drive more carefully, ✓ there will be ✓ fewer accidents ✓ .

2 If ✓ people live ✓ near their work, ✓ they will ✓ be able to ✓ walk home ✓
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3 If ✓ there is a bridge ✓ over the river, ✓ people ✓ will not ✓ use the ferry ✓
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4 Unless ✓ public transport ✓ is ✓ near their homes, ✓ people won't ✓ take it ✓
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5 If ✓ the government ✓ doesn't ✓ reduce ✓ the speed limit, ✓ the number of ✓
traffic accidents ✓ won't go down ✓ .

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If people turn off their mobile phones when driving, there will be fewer accidents .

- 1 **Topic Sentence:** The best way to reduce the number of deaths in traffic accidents is to educate drivers.

Concluding Sentence:

Training new drivers at the time they are learning to drive is the best way to solve this problem. ✓

- 2 **Topic Sentence:** Although there are a number of ways to reduce the problem of deaths on the road, the best way is to introduce new or stricter laws.

Concluding Sentences: Unless drivers know that they can be punished financially by going too fast, they will not reduce their speeds.

I would say that laws on speed limits and wearing a seat belt would solve this problem. ✓

- 3 **Topic Sentence:** The biggest cause of traffic accidents is the number of vehicles on our roads.

Concluding Sentence:

Unless we solve the problem of too many cars on the road, accidents will continue to happen. ✓

- 4 **Topic Sentence:** Young drivers with other young people in the car are more likely to cause car accidents.

Concluding Sentence:

By passing laws to limit the number of young people in a car, we can reduce accidents. ✓

- 1 In areas with no traffic lights, people drive more slowly and accidents are reduced. Drivers pay attention to traffic lights. However, when they are not there, drivers pay more attention to the people and cars around them. They drive more slowly and this results in fewer accidents.

While traffic lights seem like they help traffic flow, people actually pay more attention and reduce their speed without them. 

- 2 The government can only do so much to protect people from themselves on the road. Most countries have penalties for speeding. In addition, there are now laws that require people to wear seatbelts, which reduce likelihood of dying in an accident by 45%. However, some people do not follow these laws, and traffic accidents continue to kill.

The real solution is for people to take responsibility for the people in their car and their actions on the road. 

- 3 The most practical solution for this city is to increase bike lanes. On streets where we added bike lanes, the number of cyclists increased by 15%. On streets without lanes, accidents between vehicles and cyclists were more likely to happen and resulted in more serious injuries. If we want people to use alternative transportation, we need to set up a system that safely supports cyclists. ✓
- 4 Unless the rail system is extended to the outskirts of the city, people will not use it. About 55% of people who work downtown live five or more miles outside of the city limits, and 50% of them drive to work. However, 35% said if rail was added, they would use it. The majority of commuters to the city live outside of it, and we need public transportation to match this. ✓
- 5 Traffic signs are not just for vehicles. Cyclists also need to follow traffic rules. As the number of cyclists has increased in the city, so too has the number of accidents. Eighty percent of car and bike accidents occur at traffic lights or stop signs, and many of these