

GRAMMAR

Circle a, b, or c.

- I walk to work. It's ____ than driving.
a more healthy b as healthy c healthier
- Riding a bike isn't ____ people think.
a as dangerous as b as dangerous than
c so dangerous than
- This is ____ time of day for traffic jams.
a the most bad b the worse c the worst
- My wife is a much safer driver than ____.
a I b me c my
- What ____ beautiful day!
a a b - c an
- I never drink coffee after ____ dinner.
a - b the c an
- ____ are usually good language learners.
a The women b Women c Woman
- We've decided to visit Peru ____.
a the next summer b next summer
c the summer next
- It's free to visit this museum. You ____ pay anything.
a don't have to b must not c should
- I'll ____ work harder if I want to pass.
a must b should c have to
- I don't think I ____ have a dessert. I've already eaten too much!
a must b should c have to
- You ____ turn on your phone until the plane has landed.
a don't have to b must not c must
- We won't ____ come to the party.
a can b be able c be able to
- When he was five, he ____ already swim.
a can b could c was able
- My mother has never ____ cook well.
a been able to b could c be able to

VOCABULARY

a Complete the compound nouns with a singular or plural noun.

- Slow down! The speed _____ is 55.
- I won't start the car until you've all put on your seat _____.
- It's not a very good town for bike riders. There are very few bike _____.
- Try to avoid using the subway between 8:00 and 9:30 a.m. – it's _____ hour.
- There's a taxi _____ at the train station.

b Complete with a preposition.

- We arrived _____ Vancouver at 5:30.
- I apologized _____ being late.
- Do you spend a lot of money _____ movie tickets?
- My son is good _____ speaking languages.
- This song reminds me _____ my vacation.

c Complete with the correct word.

- We were late because we got stuck in a terrible tr_____ jam.
- I've rented a v_____ to take my things to my new house.
- The next train to New Haven is now waiting at pl_____ 5.
- We're going to s_____ off early, before it gets dark.
- How long does it t_____ to get from here to the airport?

d Circle the correct adjective.

- The final score was 0–0. It was a really *bored* / *boring* game.
- It was the most *frightened* / *frightening* experience I've ever had.
- We're very *excited* / *exciting* about our vacation!
- I'm a little *disappointed* / *disappointing* with my final grades.
- This news show is too *depressed* / *depressing*. Turn it off.

e Complete the words.

- I'm not in right now. Please l_____ a message.
- The line's b_____. Please hold.
- I was in the middle of talking to him and he just h_____ up!
- We sw_____ through hundreds of their vacation photos.
- I hate it when people have really loud r_____ on their cell phones!

PRONUNCIATION

a Practice the words and sounds.

Vowel sounds



computer



ear



boy



bike

Consonant sounds



chess



jazz



thumb



mother



girl

b P p.166–7 Sound Bank Say more words for each sound.

c What sound in a do the pink letters have in these words?

- 1 arrive 2 go off 3 message 4 accident 5 math

d Underline the stressed syllable.

- 1 free|way 3 pe|des|tri|an 5 em|barr|a|ssing
2 di|sa|ppoin|ted 4 voice|mail

CAN YOU understand this text?

- a Read the article once. Choose the correct heading for each paragraph A–F.
- 1 Don't be a selfish DJ
 - 2 Don't tolerate dangerous driving
 - 3 Be a good co-pilot
 - 4 Don't distract the driver
 - 5 Wear your seatbelt
 - 6 Don't be rude
- b Read the article again with the headings. Are you a good passenger? How many of the things do you sometimes do or not do?

▶ CAN YOU understand these people?

🔊 4.21 Watch or listen and choose a, b, or c.



- 1 Lewis thinks the best way to travel in New York is ____.
a by bike b by bus c by subway
- 2 Butterfly thinks that ____ at looking after small children.
a men are better than women
b women are better than men
c men and women are equally good
- 3 Coleen thinks that women are more interested in ____ than men.
a sports b fashion c gossip
- 4 Jenny speaks ____ languages.
a one b two c three
- 5 What Tyler finds really annoying is people who use their phones ____.
a to call other people while talking to you
b to text others while having a conversation with you
c while sitting in restaurants

CAN YOU say this in English?

Check (✓) the box if you can do these things.

Can you...?

- 1 ☐ compare different types of public transportation in your town / country
- 2 ☐ talk about typical stereotypes of men and women and say if you think they are true
- 3 ☐ talk about things that are / aren't good manners in your country
- 4 ☐ describe something you would like to be able to do, but have never been able to

How to be the perfect car passenger

With the holiday season just about to start and millions of cars hitting the roads at once, now's the time to consider how car passengers can help drivers. Think about how you would like your passengers to behave if you were the driver – this will make you more conscious of your actions while being a passenger yourself.



A

Don't wait for the driver to tell you to put it on, or refuse to put it on when asked to.

B

Advise the driver on the best route to take. However, don't shout or advise them too close to a turn because this can make the driver panic or turn suddenly, leading to a possible accident.

C

You can always comment on someone's driving, as long as it's a friendly suggestion. But don't attack the driver about their driving, especially if they're inexperienced. Let them take their time and drive the way that is most comfortable for them, not you.

D

Talking to the driver helps to pass the time and stops them from falling asleep. However, talking too loudly or singing along to the radio can distract the driver and possibly cause an accident.

E

Listening to the radio while driving makes the trip more enjoyable. However, don't assume that the driver wants to listen to everything that you want to listen to. It's better to allow the driver to choose the style of music. If the driver needs to concentrate, help them by turning the volume down, and don't have the radio on too loud in general.

F

You deserve to feel safe and be treated with consideration. If you notice that the driver is going above the speed limit, don't immediately shout at them because they might not be aware of it themselves. However, if you can see that the driver is speeding and not driving safely, you should tell them to slow down and drive more carefully.

