

DROWSY DRIVER AWARENESS DAY

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

California has an awareness day that all countries around the world should have. It is Drowsy Driver Awareness Day and it happens on April 6 every year. Its aim is to raise awareness of the dangers of driving your car (or riding your motorcycle) for long periods without a rest. It also highlights the dangers of driving when you are very tired. The day was thought up by former California Highway Patrol officer Phil Konstantin. He witnessed many accidents that happened because of tiredness and had experience of falling asleep at the wheel and narrowly avoided a serious accident. He also tells the tragic story of how his wife died in a car accident because she fell asleep at the wheel. He warned: "It can happen to anyone."

Drowsy Driver Awareness Day is also a memorial day for those who have died in a car crash involving a drowsy driver. California's Highway Patrol says 100 people die each year in collisions with drowsy drivers. It says in the ten-year period between 1993 and 2003, over 41,000 people died in accidents where a drowsy driver was involved. America's National Sleep Foundation reports that 62 per cent of people drive while feeling drowsy. In addition, 27 per cent said they had actually dozed off while driving. Many more people die each year from crashes related to drowsy drivers than from many serious illnesses. On this day, do something to make drivers aware of the dangers of getting behind the wheel when they are tired.

PHRASE MATCH

Match the following phrases from the article.

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. all countries | a. at the wheel |
| 2. the dangers of driving when | b. around the world |
| 3. accidents that happened | c. to anyone |
| 4. falling asleep | d. because of tiredness |
| 5. the tragic story of how | e. you are very tired |
| 6. It can happen | f. his wife died |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. a memorial day for those | a. in collisions |
| 2. 100 people die each year | b. year from crashes |
| 3. accidents where a drowsy driver | c. who have died |
| 4. 62 per cent of people drive | d. was involved |
| 5. Many more people die each | e. of the dangers |
| 6. make drivers aware | f. while feeling drowsy |

LISTENING GAP FILL

California has an awareness _____ around the world should have. It is Drowsy Driver Awareness Day and it happens on April 6 every year. Its _____ awareness of the dangers of driving your car (or riding your motorcycle) for long periods without a rest. It also highlights _____ driving when you are very tired. The day _____ former California Highway Patrol officer Phil Konstantin. He witnessed many accidents that happened because of tiredness and had experience of falling asleep at the wheel and narrowly _____ accident. He also tells the tragic story of how his wife died in a car accident because she _____ wheel. He warned: "It can happen to anyone."

Drowsy Driver Awareness Day is also a memorial _____. _____ have died in a car crash involving a drowsy driver. California's Highway Patrol says 100 people _____ collisions with drowsy drivers. It says in the ten-year period between 1993 and 2003, over 41,000 people died in accidents where a drowsy _____. America's National Sleep Foundation reports that 62 per cent of people _____ drowsy. In addition, 27 per cent said they had actually dozed off while driving. Many more people _____ crashes related to drowsy drivers than from many serious illnesses. On this day, do something to make drivers _____ of getting behind the wheel when they are tired.

WHILE READING / LISTENING GAP FILL

Put the words into the gaps in the text.

California has an awareness day that all countries around the world _____ have. It is Drowsy Driver Awareness Day and it happens on April 6 every year. Its aim is to _____ awareness of the dangers of driving your car (or riding your motorcycle) for long periods without a _____. It also highlights the dangers of driving when you are very tired. The day was _____ up by former California Highway Patrol officer Phil Konstantin. He witnessed many _____ that happened because of tiredness and had experience of falling asleep at the wheel and narrowly _____ a serious accident. He also tells the _____ story of how his wife died in a car accident because she fell asleep at the wheel. He warned: "It can _____ to anyone."

tragic
raise
accidents
thought
happen
should
rest
avoided

Drowsy Driver Awareness Day is also a _____ day for those who have died in a car crash _____ a drowsy driver. California's Highway Patrol says 100 people die each year in collisions with drowsy drivers. It says in the ten-year _____ between 1993 and 2003, over 41,000 people _____ in accidents where a drowsy driver was involved. America's National Sleep Foundation reports that 62 per cent of people drive while _____ drowsy. In addition, 27 per cent said they had actually dozed off while driving. Many more people die each year from crashes _____ to drowsy drivers than from many serious _____. On this day, do something to make drivers aware of the dangers of getting _____ the wheel when they are tired.

feeling
period
illnesses
memorial
behind
died
involving
related

CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD

Delete the wrong word in each of the pairs of *italics*.

California has an awareness *days / day* that all countries around the world should have. It is Drowsy Driver Awareness Day and it *happening / happens* on April 6 every year. Its aim is to raise awareness of the dangers of driving your car (or riding your motorcycle) for long *periods / period* without a rest. It also highlights the *dangerous / dangers* of driving when you are very tired. The day was thought *up / down* by former California Highway Patrol officer Phil Konstantin. He witnessed many accidents that happened because of *tired / tiredness* and had experience of falling asleep at the wheel and narrowly *avoids / avoided* a serious accident. He also tells the tragic story of how his wife died in a car accident because she fell asleep at the wheel. He warned: "It can *happening / happen* to anyone."

Drowsy Driver Awareness Day is also a *memorial / memorize* day for those who have died in a car crash *involved / involving* a drowsy driver. California's Highway Patrol says 100 people die each year in collisions with drowsy drivers. It *says / say* in the ten-year period between 1993 and 2003, over 41,000 people *dead / died* in accidents where a drowsy driver was *involved / involvement*. America's National Sleep Foundation reports that 62 per cent of people drive while feeling drowsy. In addition, 27 per cent said they *has / had* actually dozed off while driving. Many more people die each year from *crashes / crashed* related to drowsy drivers than from many serious illnesses. On this day, do something to make drivers *awareness / aware* of the dangers of getting behind the wheel when they are tired.

MULTIPLE CHOICE

California has an awareness day that all countries around the world (1) ____ have. It is Drowsy Driver Awareness Day and it happens on April 6 every year. Its (2) ____ is to raise awareness of the dangers of driving your car (or riding your motorcycle) for long periods without a rest. It also highlights the (3) ____ of driving when you are very tired. The day was thought up by former California Highway Patrol officer Phil Konstantin. He witnessed many accidents that happened because (4) ____ tiredness and had experience of falling asleep at the wheel and (5) ____ avoided a serious accident. He also tells the tragic story of how his wife died in a car accident because she fell asleep at the wheel. He warned: "It can (6) ____ to anyone."

Drowsy Driver Awareness Day is also a (7) ____ day for those who have died in a car crash involving a drowsy driver. California's Highway Patrol says 100 people (8) ____ each year in collisions with drowsy drivers. It says in the ten-year period between 1993 and 2003, over 41,000 people died in accidents where a drowsy driver was (9) _____. America's National Sleep Foundation reports that 62 per cent of people drive while feeling drowsy. In (10) ____, 27 per cent said they had actually dozed off while driving. Many more people die each year from crashes related (11) ____ drowsy drivers than from many serious illnesses. On this day, do something to make drivers aware of the dangers of (12) ____ behind the wheel when they are tired.

Put the correct words from this table into the article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|---------------|-----------------|--------------|---------------|
| 1. | (a) should | (b) should've | (c) had | (d) having |
| 2. | (a) aiming | (b) aim | (c) aimed | (d) aims |
| 3. | (a) dangerous | (b) dangers | (c) endanger | (d) endangers |
| 4. | (a) at | (b) on | (c) as | (d) of |
| 5. | (a) narrow | (b) narrowed | (c) narrowly | (d) narrower |
| 6. | (a) happening | (b) happened | (c) happens | (d) happen |
| 7. | (a) memorize | (b) memories | (c) memorial | (d) remember |
| 8. | (a) dead | (b) die | (c) death | (d) dying |
| 9. | (a) involved | (b) involvement | (c) involves | (d) involving |
| 10. | (a) addition | (b) plus | (c) also | (d) added |
| 11. | (a) for | (b) at | (c) to | (d) by |
| 12. | (a) got | (b) get | (c) gets | (d) getting |

SPELLING

Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.

Paragraph 1

1. an waanserse day
2. the dgsaren of driving your car
3. driving when you are very etdri
4. falling asleep at the elewh
5. the acrtgi story
6. It can aepnh to anyone

Paragraph 2

7. a irlmeamo day
8. 100 people die each year in llosicsoni
9. the ten-year iedrpo between 1993 and 2003
10. people drive while eingfel drowsy
11. die each year from serchas
12. siorseu illnesses

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () driver was involved. America's National Sleep Foundation reports that 62 per cent of people drive while
- () because she fell asleep at the wheel. He warned: "It can happen to anyone."
- () (or riding your motorcycle) for long periods without a rest. It also highlights the dangers of driving when you are very
- () avoided a serious accident. He also tells the tragic story of how his wife died in a car accident
- () and it happens on April 6 every year. Its aim is to raise awareness of the dangers of driving your car
- (**1**) California has an awareness day that all countries around the world should have. It is Drowsy Driver Awareness Day
- () feeling drowsy. In addition, 27 per cent said they had actually dozed off while driving. Many more people
- () a drowsy driver. California's Highway Patrol says 100 people die each year in collisions with drowsy drivers. It says in
- () die each year from crashes related to drowsy drivers than from many serious illnesses. On this day, do
- () tired. The day was thought up by former California Highway Patrol officer Phil Konstantin. He witnessed
- () Drowsy Driver Awareness Day is also a memorial day for those who have died in a car crash involving
- () the ten-year period between 1993 and 2003, over 41,000 people died in accidents where a drowsy
- () something to make drivers aware of the dangers of getting behind the wheel when they are tired.
- () many accidents that happened because of tiredness and had experience of falling asleep at the wheel and narrowly

SCRAMBLED SENTENCES

With a partner, put the words back into the correct order.

1. happens April every it on 6 year

2. dangers driving awareness the of raise of

3. driving tired when the you dangers are of very

4. that accidents many witnessed He happened

5. narrowly serious avoided accident a

6. 100 die year collisions people each in

7. between ten 1993 - and year 2003 period the

8. driver involved where drowsy was accidents a

9. dozed off while driving 27 per cent said they had actually

10. of behind wheel dangers getting the the

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. _____

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THE DROWSY DRIVER AWARENESS DAY SURVEY

Write five questions about Drowsy Driver Awareness Day in the table. Do this in pairs/groups. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.

Without your partner, interview other students. Write down their answers.

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

Return to your original partner(s) and share and talk about what you found out. Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

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 more information about Drowsy Driver Awareness Day. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about Drowsy Driver Awareness Day. Write about what happens around the world. Include two imaginary interviews with people who did something on this day.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

4. POSTER: Make your own poster about Drowsy Driver Awareness Day. Write about will happen on this day around the world.