

READING - PART 1 & 2

ELDERLY DRIVERS



Read the news article and answer the questions in parts 1 & 2 below.

Should people over the age of 65 take an extra driving test?
Should they have their eyes and reactions tested?

Many young people think older drivers are dangerous and have a lot of accidents. In Great Britain, an increasing number of older drivers are having accidents due to poor concentration or reaction times. As you get older, your eyes do not see as much information or detect movement as well.



The Association of British Insurers found that drivers aged 70 or over are three times more likely to be in a car crash than those aged between 45-60.

Of course not all older drivers are a danger to other road users, some older drivers are better than young drivers. However, there are current news stories about drivers over the age of 70 'driving the wrong direction on the motorway', 'driving into the sea' or even 'driving over level crossings when the warning lights are flashing'. One accident saw a man in his 70's, with a wooden leg, driving through a shop window causing £20,000 damage!



Asking elderly people to give up their freedom by losing their driving licenses is not an easy task for the government, but it is a decision they may have to make if the number of accidents continues to rise.

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What would be the best title for this article?
Underline your choice.

- A. Elderly drivers are improving.
- B. Older drivers are having more accidents.
- C. Older drivers buy more old cars.
- D. Police take older drivers licenses.

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Answer the questions - True or False

- A. The government will stop older people driving.
True False
- B. Drivers aged between 45-60 have more accidents.
True False
- C. Elderly drivers are in the news at the moment
True False