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## **Level 1**

# **Texting while walking is dangerous**

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# THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1403/140312-texting-while-walking-1.html>

Writing text messages is dangerous when you walk. It is more dangerous than driving and texting. Researchers said there are more injuries to people walking than there are to texting drivers. Walking is not as easy as we think. We must focus on many things to walk safely in a straight line. We can forget how to walk properly, so dangerous things happen. We bump into people or cars. We fall over things in the street, or fall down stairs.

A professor said there are a few reasons why texting and walking is dangerous. People cannot see the street. They are focused on their keyboard and not their feet. A final reason is that their minds are somewhere else - they are not thinking about walking safely. Over 6,000 people visited the professor's hospital last year because of texting. The most serious cases are head injuries. When a car hits someone, there is nothing to protect the head.

Sources: <http://hothardware.com/News/Texting-And-Walking-Is-Hazardous-To-Your-Health-Too-But-You-Knew-That/>  
<http://wtop.com/256/3574525/Texting-walking-more-risky-than-distracted-driving>

# VOCABULARY MATCHING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1403/140312-texting-while-walking-1.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                              |                              |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. text                      | a. over things in the street |
| 2. more dangerous            | b. a straight line           |
| 3. Walking is not as         | c. stairs                    |
| 4. walk safely in            | d. messages                  |
| 5. We can forget how to walk | e. easy as we think          |
| 6. bump                      | f. than driving              |
| 7. fall                      | g. properly                  |
| 8. fall down                 | h. into people               |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

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|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. there are a few            | a. somewhere else    |
| 2. People cannot              | b. head injuries     |
| 3. They are focused           | c. reason            |
| 4. A final                    | d. on their keyboard |
| 5. their minds are            | e. reasons why       |
| 6. walking                    | f. protect the head  |
| 7. The most serious cases are | g. see the street    |
| 8. there is nothing to        | h. safely            |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Writing text messages is (1) \_\_\_\_\_ walk. It is more dangerous than driving and texting. Researchers said there are (2) \_\_\_\_\_ people walking than there are to texting drivers. Walking (3) \_\_\_\_\_ we think. We must focus on many things to walk (4) \_\_\_\_\_ line. We can forget (5) \_\_\_\_\_, so dangerous things happen. We bump into people or cars. We fall over things in the street, or (6) \_\_\_\_\_.

A professor said there are (7) \_\_\_\_\_ texting and walking is dangerous. People (8) \_\_\_\_\_. They are focused (9) \_\_\_\_\_ and not their feet. A final reason is that their minds (10) \_\_\_\_\_ - they are not thinking about walking safely. Over 6,000 people visited the professor's hospital last year (11) \_\_\_\_\_. The most serious cases are head injuries. When a car hits someone, there is nothing to (12) \_\_\_\_\_.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

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

a)

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b)

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c)

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d)

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e)

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f)

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g)

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h)

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

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

a)

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b)

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c)

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d)

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e)

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f)

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g)

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h)

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