

# NEWS BREAK

**Sunday's News Break selects an article from Sunday, August 23** of The Seattle Times e-Edition for an in-depth reading of the news. Read the selected article and answer the attached study questions. **Please remember to always preview the content of the article before sharing with your students.**

**State Farm: Steering Teens to Safety** (Special Section, page J2).

## Pre-Reading and Vocabulary

1. Look at the title of this special section. What does it mean to be a safe driver? Make a list of things you can do to be a safe driver. Then make a list of driving distractions that are unsafe to do while driving.

2. **Vocabulary: Match the words to the numbered definitions below.**

- A. citation
- B. collision
- C. exception
- D. graduated
- E. independently
- F. intermediate
- G. limitations
- H. phasing in
- I. privileges
- J. probationary
- K. supervised
- L. violation

- 1. gradually increasing
- 2. a right or benefit that is given to some people and not to others
- 3. to watch and direct (someone or something)
- 4. something that controls how much of something is possible or allowed
- 5. an official order to appear before a court of law
- 6. the act of doing something that is not allowed by a law or rule
- 7. relating to or having the knowledge or skill of someone who is more advanced than a beginner but not yet an expert
- 8. a case where a rule does not apply
- 9. a situation or period of time in which a person who is starting a new job or learning something new is tested and watched to see if that person is able to do the job properly
- 10. not requiring or relying on other people for help or support
- 11. to start to use or do (something) gradually over a period of time : to introduce (something) slowly
- 12. a crash in which two or more things or people hit each other

## Comprehension

1. Graduated Driver Licensing (GDL) laws are designed to gradually provide new drivers with critical behind-the-wheel experience by phasing in full \_\_\_\_\_ over time and in \_\_\_\_\_ settings. **(Fill in the blanks)**
2. Graduated Driver Licensing laws means that at the very least there are at least \_\_\_\_\_ stages of licensure. **(Fill in the blank)**
3. If you are under 18 in Washington state for the first 12 months, you cannot drive between the hours of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ unless you are with a licensed driver age 25 or older.  
**(Multiple Choice)**
  - a) 11 p.m. – 3 a.m.
  - b) 12 a.m. – 4 a.m.
  - c) 1 a.m. – 5 a.m.
4. What is the only exception to the nighttime driving rule above in question three?
5. In what stage of GDL laws does a new driver receive a Learner's Permit?
6. A Probationary or Intermediate License allows you to drive independently after logging at least how many hours of supervised driving practice and passing an on-the-road exam?
7. If you are under 18 when you get your license in Washington state you aren't permitted to use wireless devices while driving. What is the only exception to this rule?
8. If you are under 18 when you get your license in Washington state, for the first six months you cannot drive with passenger under what age, unless they are members of your immediate family?
9. The final stage of driving is a Full License. This is obtained after you have remained free of \_\_\_\_\_ for a set period of time. **(Fill in the blank)**
10. In Washington state, if you are under 18, you need at least 10 hours driving at night with someone who has been licensed for five years or more – **true or false?**

## Additional Activities

1. Research another state's GDL laws to see how they compare to Washington state's. How are they similar? How are they different?
2. Using the search function of the e-Edition find articles pertaining to traffic accidents. Try to find at least two articles, then for each article list the cause for the accident if known and what could have been done to prevent the accident if anything.

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