

Podcast #134 Older Drivers

Original Version

Some things get better as you grow older. Driving a car does not.

You don't see as well as you used to. Headlights are hard on your eyes. Your reaction time is slower. Traffic noise gets on your nerves. It's easier to get drowsy. Long drives exhaust you.

You drive too slowly. Other drivers don't like this. Your sense of space is diminished. So you stay close to the center line. It's also harder for you to park.

Older drivers are easy to spot. Here are some clues.

You might not see a head. Or the head is wearing a hat.

The driver's chin is pointed upward. His arms are held straight and stiff. Or he is bent over the steering wheel.

He brakes very frequently. He never passes. He slows at every intersection. He lingers at stop signs.

I have sympathy for older drivers. I will soon become one of them. Maybe as soon as next week.

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Choose the correct word or term

Some things (getting – get) better as you grow older. Driving a car does not.

You don't see as well as (you used to – is used to).
Headlights are (hard – hardly) on your eyes. Your (re-action – reaction) time is slower. Traffic noise gets on your (nerves – nerve). It's easier to get (drousy – drowsy). Long drives exhaust you.

You drive (to – too) slowly. Other drivers (not – don't) like this. Your sense of space is (diminished – dinimished). So you stay (closest – close) to the center line. It's also harder (for you to park – for to park).

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You might not see (ahead – a head). Or the head is (wearing – waring) a hat.

The (drivers – driver's) chin is pointed upward. His arms are (holded – held) straight and stiff. Or he is (bent – bended) over the steering wheel.

He (breaks – brakes) very frequently. He never (passes – pases). He slows at every (intersection – inter-section). He lingers at stop signs.

I have sympathy for (elder – older) drivers. I will soon become one of them. (Maybe – May be) as soon as next week.

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Practice with incorrect or missing articles, indefinite pronouns, and verbs.

In the following version of the story, circle or underline places where (a) a grammatically incorrect article is used, (b) an incorrect verb tense is used, or (c) any of the following is missing:

- a grammatically required article (*a, an, the*)
- a personal pronoun (for example, *he*)
- a possessive pronoun (for example, *his*)
- an indefinite pronoun such as *some* or *any*
- a form of the verb *to be* (for example, *was*)

The first sentence has been underlined to show where you would circle or underline a word or phrase.

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