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Road safety

W: I saw a car crash this morning on my way to university. Do all French drivers jump the lights frequently and don't respect the Highway Code?

Sarah: well, French drivers are known to be careless drivers, essentially due to mobile phones. For sure, many car accidents could be avoided if motorists behaved more responsibly.

W: Yes, mobile phone is provoking a lot of damage...many people who love their children nevertheless drive as though there is no tomorrow, foot down, mobile phone to head. France should really educate its drivers.

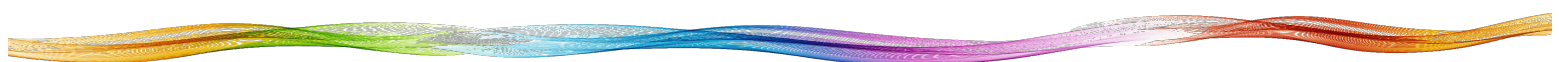
Sarah: I agree. Actually many countries have decided to ban cell phone use in cars unless drivers have a hand-free phone, and more and more countries are introducing traffic calming measures, like speed bumps, speed cameras.

W: The problem remains the same: punishing is not educating, and it's only the fear of being caught that stops drivers from driving too fast. Human error rather than mechanical failure is the prime cause of car crashes, typically exacerbated by speed or alcohol, and often both.

Sarah: Definitely. Actually all cars should be fitted with black boxes like those in aircrafts.

W: That's a very smart idea Sarah! And we should also have a bumper sticker that says: "better late alive than dead on time".

Sarah: haha! I can feel the American influence in Canada where bumper stickers are so popular!





GLOSSARY:

Road safety	Car accidents
To see/saw/seen	Motorists
To jump a light	Damage
To respect	Foot down
To be known to	Cell phone
To avoid	Use
To behave	A hand-free phone
To provoke	Taffic calming measures
To drive	Speed bumps
To educate	Speed cameras
To ban	The fear
To introduce	Human error
To remain	Mechanical failure
To punish	The prime cause
To be caught	Speed
To stop	Alcohol
To exacerbate	Black boxes
To be fitted	Aircrafts
A car crash	A bumper sticker
Drivers	The American influence
The	Unless
The Highway Code	Too fast
Careless drivers : des conducteurs imprudents	Rather than
Mobile phones	Typically
On my way	Both
Responsibly	Smart
Nevertheless	better late alive than dead on time
As though	



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