

DRIVING TO WORK



A. Reading

Ralph drives to work and back every weekday. On his way to work, the freeways are usually crowded and traffic is often backed up. Things are even worse in the afternoon when he drives home. Traffic comes to a standstill whenever there is an accident or a car stalls and blocks a lane. Multi-car pileups with injuries can take emergency workers and vehicles several hours to clear.

When he is stuck in heavy traffic, Ralph listens to music on the radio to calm his nerves. His boss and his wife know that if he's late, he's probably stuck in traffic.

B. True or False

1. _____ Ralph drives to work and back on the weekend.
2. _____ The freeways are busy when he goes to work in the morning.
3. _____ Multi-car pileups with injuries can require hours to clear.
4. _____ Ralph's boss knows that if he's late he's probably stuck in traffic.
5. _____ Listening to music helps Ralph relax.

C. Yes or No – Share Your Opinion

1. _____ Drivers should not use cell phones when they are driving.
2. _____ My government should build more roads and freeways.

D. Writing – Does your country need more roads or less roads? Explain.
