

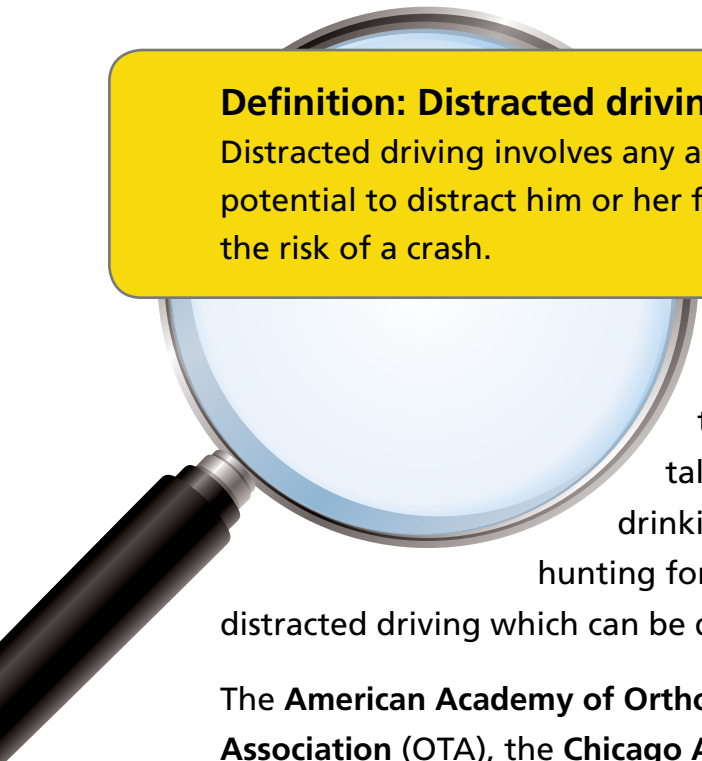
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Definition: Distracted driving

Distracted driving involves any activity a person engages in that has the potential to distract him or her from the primary task of driving and increase the risk of a crash.



Have you ever seen a distracted driver behind the wheel? Maybe you have seen someone talking on a cell phone, applying makeup, drinking coffee, reaching into the back seat, or hunting for a CD? These acts, and many more, are forms of distracted driving which can be dangerous or even life-threatening.

The **American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons (AAOS)**, **Orthopaedic Trauma Association (OTA)**, the **Chicago Automobile Trade Association** and the **Auto Alliance** want you to learn about the dangers of distracted driving.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), in 2010 there were an estimated 3,092 fatalities in distracted driving-related crashes.

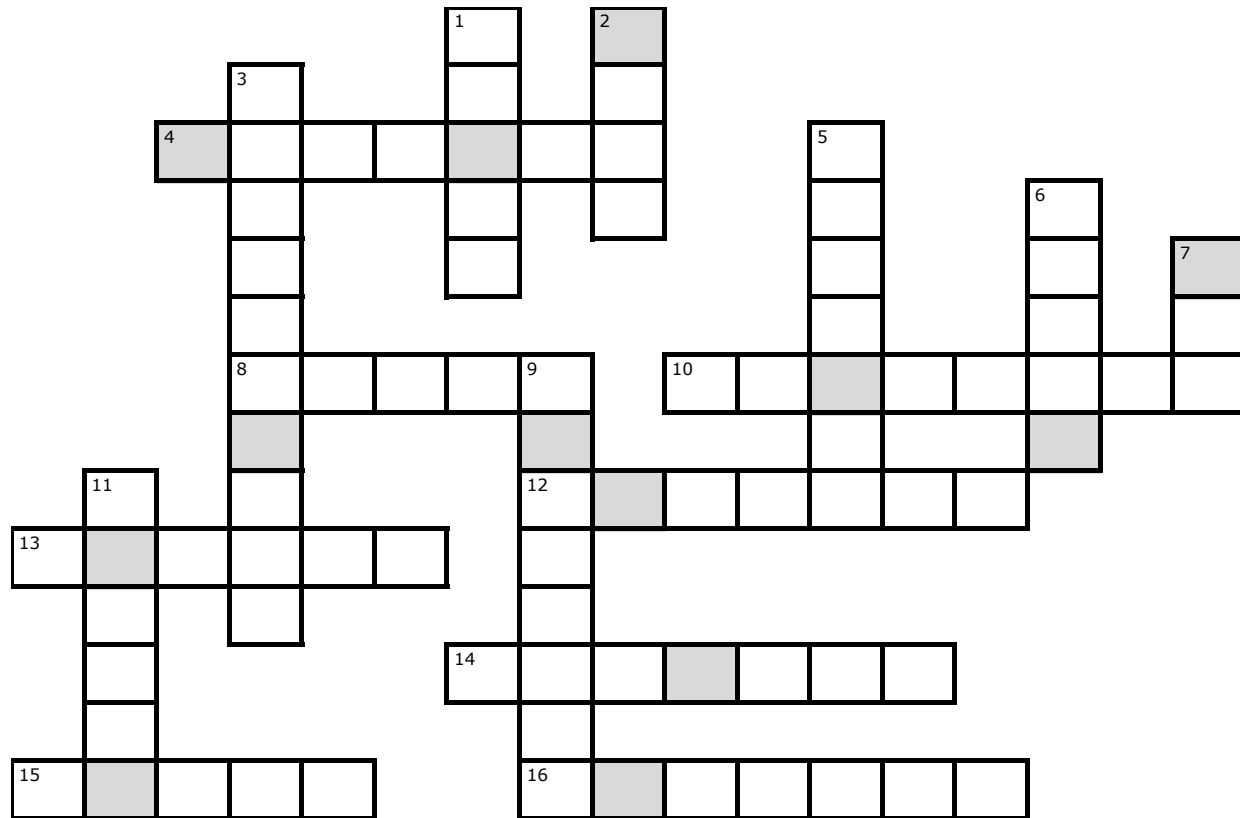
Orthopaedic surgeons—the specialists who put bones and limbs back together after road crashes and trauma—along with our partners, the automakers, would rather encourage all drivers to “**decide to drive**” each time they get in the car.

This booklet includes word puzzles, mazes, and other fun activities to help you learn what distracted driving behaviors are and what things drivers can do to **Decide to Drive**. Be a Decide to Drive detective, and **sign the pledge** at the back of this booklet to help put an end to distracted driving.

Go to **decidetodrive.org** for radio and television public service announcements on distracted driving, as well as information on how students in grades 5 through 12 can enter the Decide to Drive Poster Contest.

Drive Safely

Complete the puzzle using the hints below. When you fill in all of the words, unscramble the letters from the grey squares to find the hidden message.



ACROSS

4. Another word for 'car'.
8. Use these for steering, not texting, when driving.
10. This can be a distraction, even when you're thirsty.
12. Enter this into the GPS before starting the car.
13. Loud music may prevent you from hearing these.
14. ___ books while driving is dangerous!
15. This can happen when the driver is distracted.
16. Silent communication problem while driving (especially for some teenage drivers).

DOWN

1. Concentrate.
2. Drivers should keep these on the road.
3. These are for talking, not driving. (2 words)
5. A pledge not to drive distracted is a ___.
6. With practice, good driving behaviors can become a ___.
7. Friendly, furry distraction.
9. Fasten this before you drive.
11. Drivers should use this for seeing other cars, not for fixing their hair.

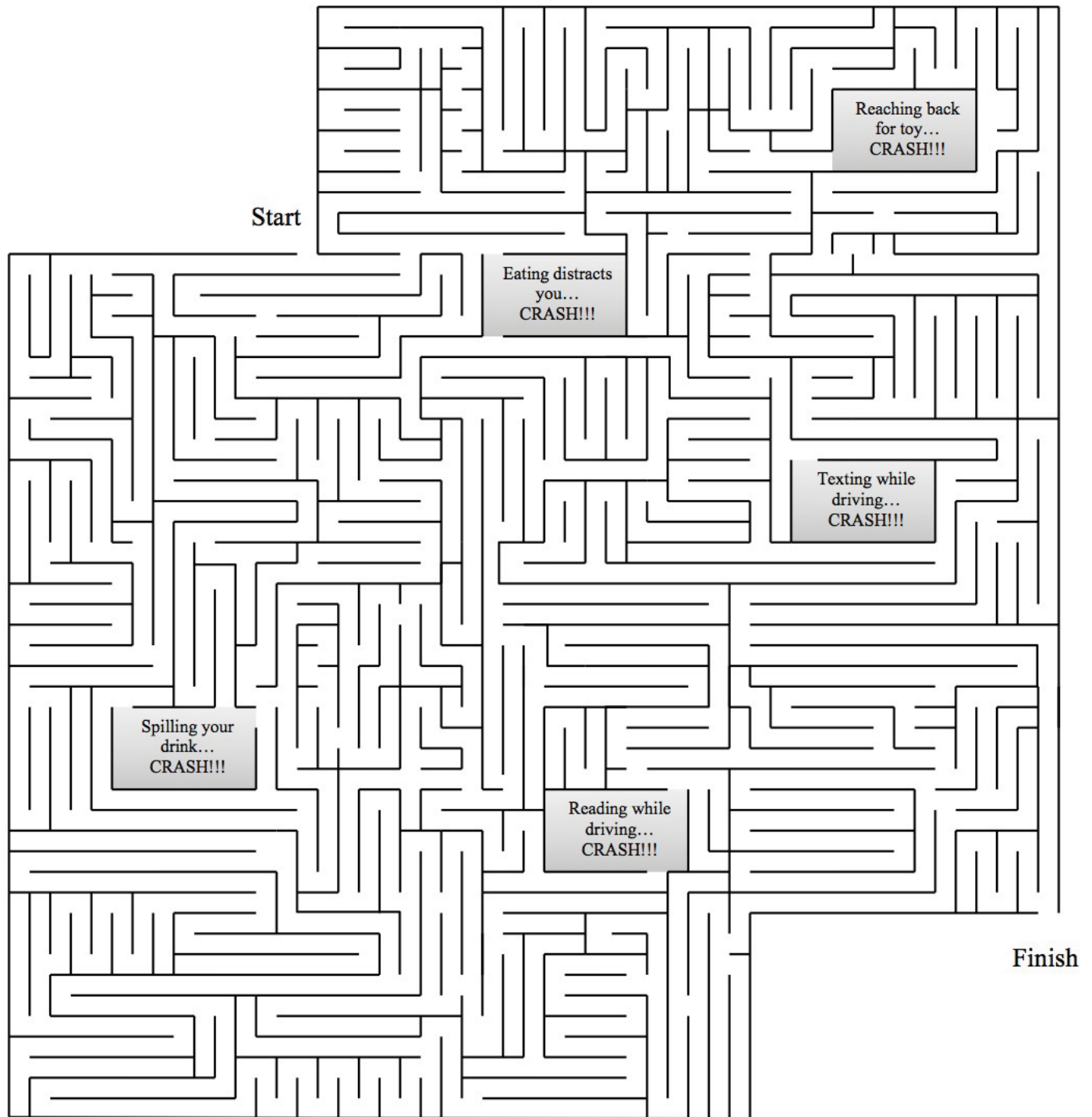
HIDDEN MESSAGE

(Unscramble the letters from the grey squares in the crossword puzzle to reveal this pledge.)

_____ / _____ / _____

Roundabout Route

This roundabout route contains several distractions which you – the driver – need to avoid to make it to the finish line safely. Good luck!



Code of the Road

A police detective in Attention County showed up on the scene of a crash just as the injured driver was being lifted into the ambulance. The driver had a broken leg and his infant was not injured. When the detective asked the driver what had happened, the driver became upset. He was mumbling and not making any sense. Help the detective decipher what the driver was saying to determine what caused the crash.

Δ M ~ * A * M □ □ □ ▽ ▽ ▽ Z N ▽ .

Z ▽ E ▽ ▽ ▽ ▽ ▽ * ▽ ▽ ▽ ▽ ▽ ▽ ▽

M Z S * O ▽ ▽ ▽ ▽ , T M ~ Z

▽ ▽ ▽ ▽ H ~ ▽ . Z O ~ ▽ Y ▽ O O ▽ E ▽

* ▽ ▽ ▽ ▽ ▽ ▽ R ▽ ▽ E ▽ O ~ ▽ D .

Use this code to decipher the driver's babble. Use the spaces below to record the answer.

▽	*	▽	▽	~	▽	▽	M	Z	O	▽	▽	▽
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
~	O	▽	▽	▽	▽	▽	▽	▽	▽	*	▽	▽
N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z

_____ / _____ A _____ / _____ / _____ N _____ .

_____ / _____ E _____ / _____ / _____ O _____ /

_____ S / _____ O _____ , T _____ / _____ /

_____ H _____ . _____ / _____ Y / _____ E _____ /

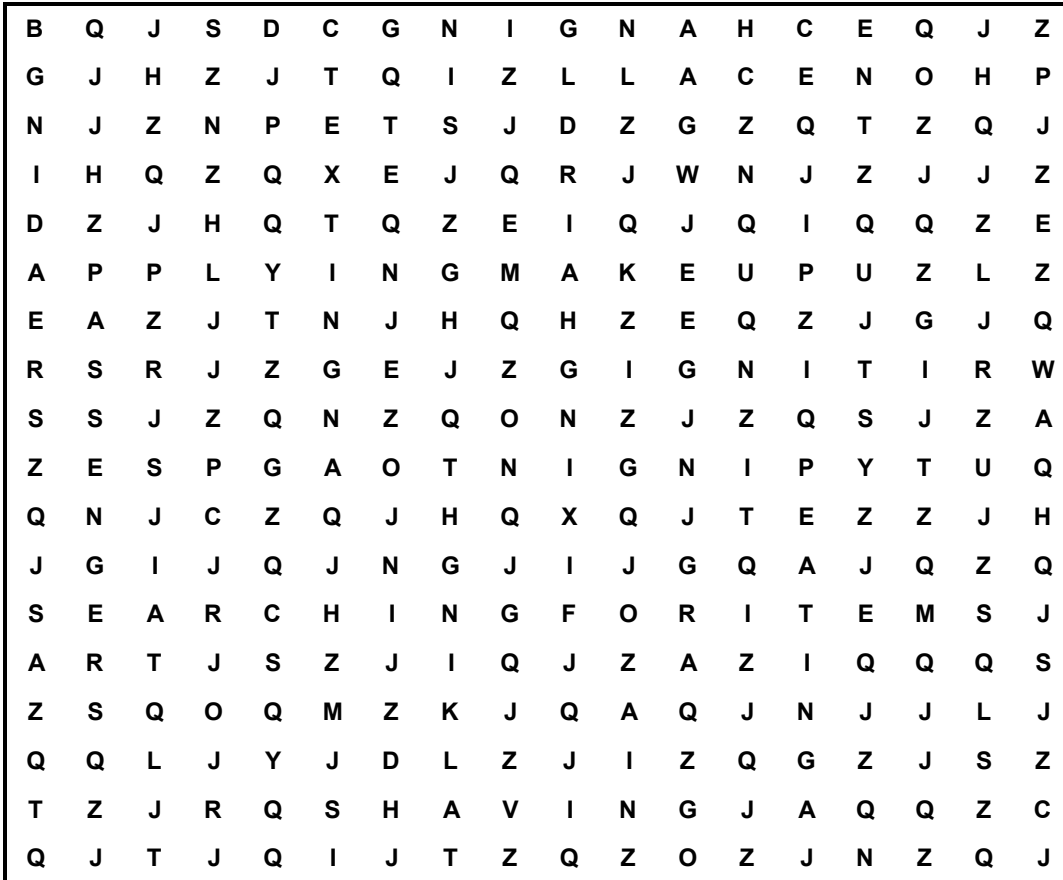
_____ / _____ R / _____ / _____ E _____ D!

There is a secret message mixed up in the driver's babble. Can you unscramble it?

_____ / _____ / _____ / _____ !

Driving Distractions

Find the distractions that can cause drivers to crash. Words may go from forwards, backwards, up, down, or diagonally. After you circle all of the distractions, you're on your way to revealing the hidden message.



Word List

- | | | | |
|-----------------|-------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| APPLYING MAKEUP | FIXING HAIR | READING | TEXTING |
| ARGUING | PASSENGERS | SEARCHING FOR ITEMS | TOYS |
| CHANGING CDS | PETS | SHAVING | TYPING INTO A GPS |
| EATING | PHONE CALL | TALKING | WRITING |

Hidden Message

After you have crossed out all the distractions (word list) in the word search grid, cross out the letters J, Q, and Z. Place the remaining letters (the ones you haven't circled or crossed out) in the spaces below, in order, starting with the top row, and going from left to right.

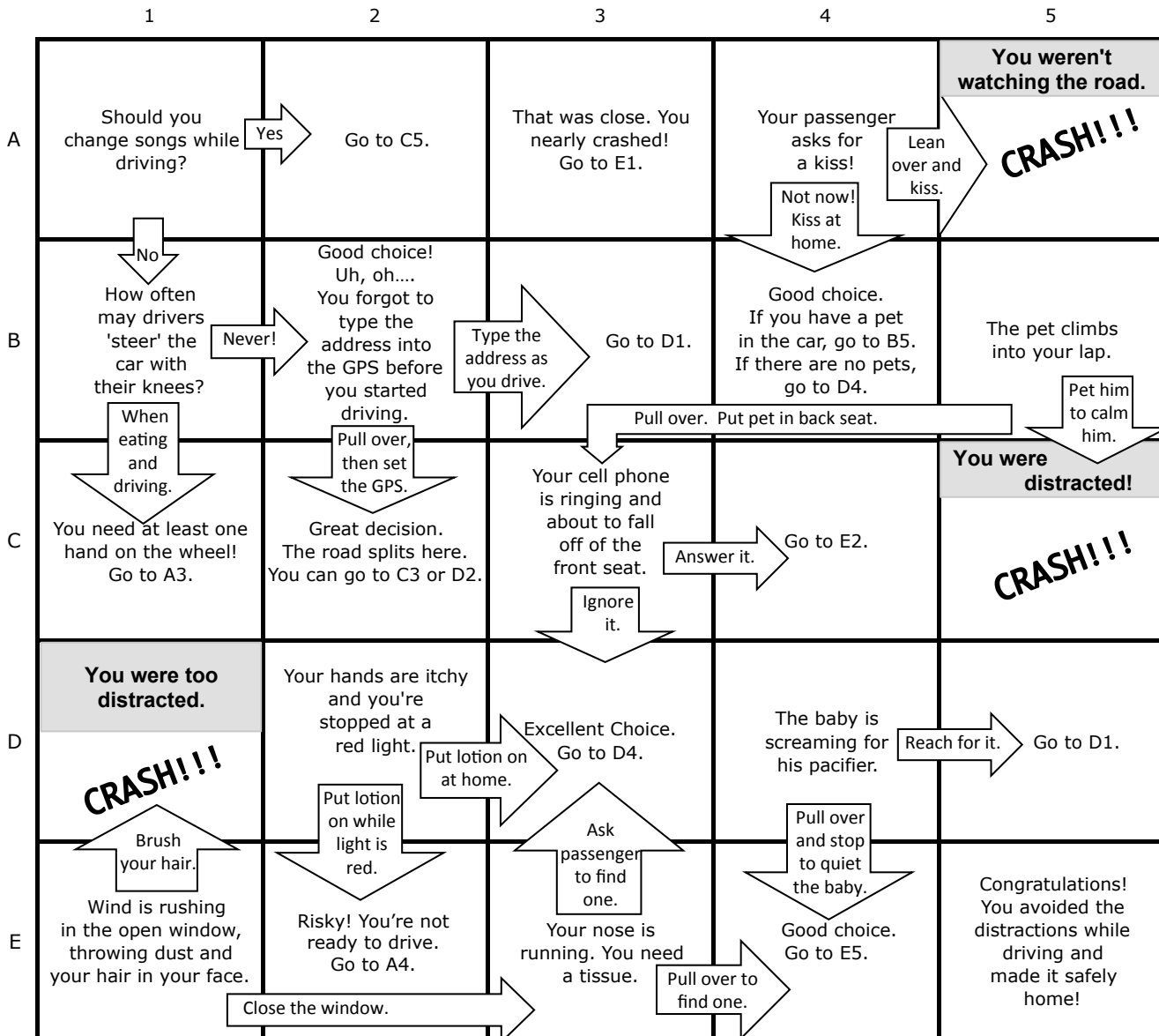
_____ / _____ / _____, / _____ / _____ / _____ / _____ /

_____ / _____ / _____ / _____ / _____.

Test Drive

You just received your license to drive. You need to get home. Will you be a distracted driver or will you stay focused on your driving? Let's find out if you can make it home without crashing!

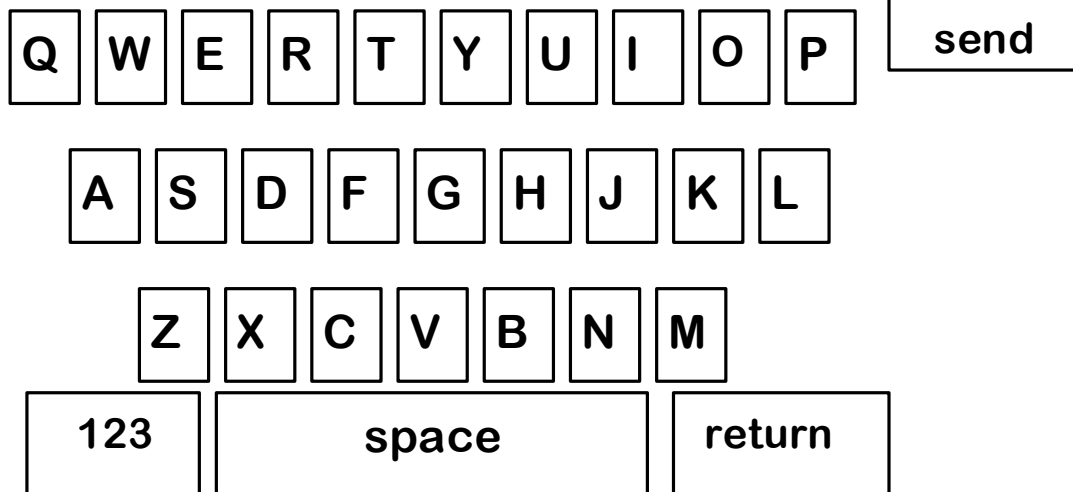
Directions: Start at square A1. When a square has a question, select one of the two answers (in the arrows) and follow the path. The right decisions will get you home safely!



Texting Trouble

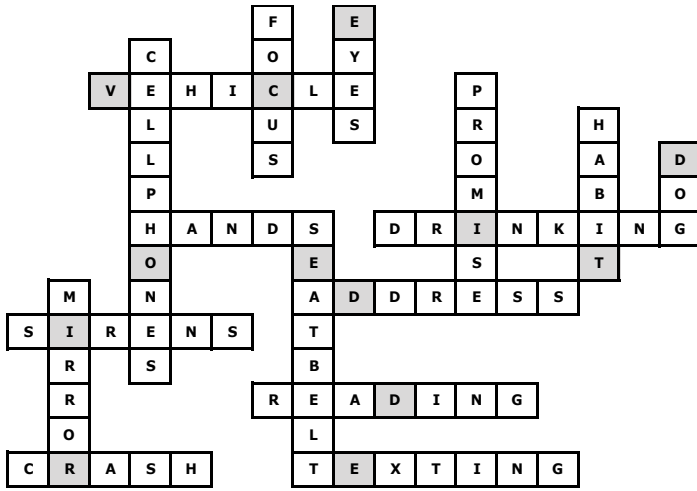
Due to a glitch in this cell phone, all of the consonants have disappeared from the text message. Can you repair the message?

f y r r d ng th s wh l
dr v ng, th n y r l k ly t
cr sh. D n't t xt wh l dr v ng!
P ll v r.



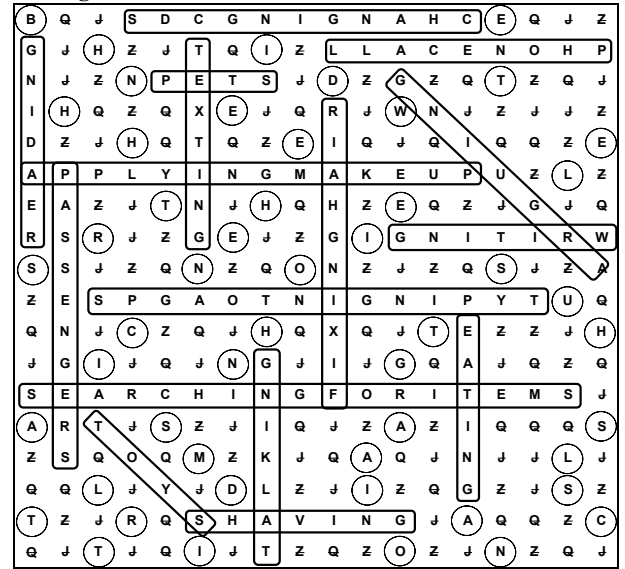
Answer Keys

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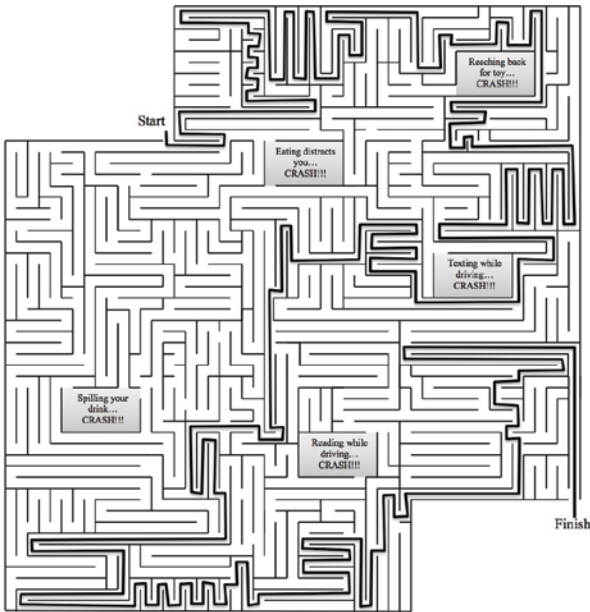
Hidden Message: DECIDE TO DRIVE

Driving Distractions



Hidden Message: BEHIND THE WHEEL THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS A SMALL DISTRACTION

Roundabout Route

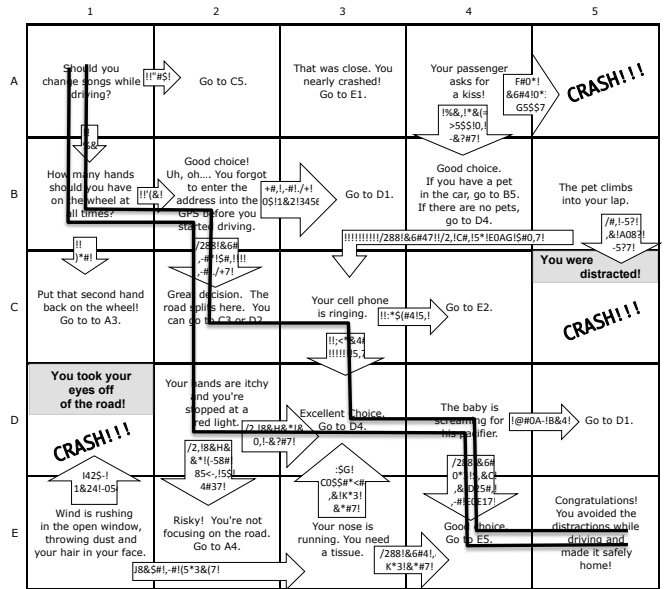


Code of the Road

Driver's Reply: THE BABY WAS FUSSING. I REACHED BACK FOR HIS BOTTLE, THEN I CRASHED. I ONLY LOOKED BACK FOR A SECOND!

Secret Message: EYES ON THE ROAD!

Test Drive



Note: This puzzle has multiple solutions, though only two (those noted above) involve the proper choices. The other solutions involve risky behavior, causing you to nearly crash.

Texting Trouble

Solution: If you are reading this while driving, then you are likely to crash. Don't text while driving! Pull over.

Decide to Drive Detective Pledge



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I understand the dangers of distracted driving behaviors. By signing this pledge, I promise to **Decide to Drive** each time I get in a car. And I promise to warn the family driver anytime he or she is engaging in distracted driving behaviors.

Signature

Print Name

Age

Date

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THE DRIVER
STANDING NEXT TO IT.



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