

# ISE I Reading & Writing Focus

QSE A2-B1, Unit 13 p63

- ✓ Summary completion
- ✓ Writing an informal letter

**1. Read the text below** (from QSE A2-B1 Student's Book, Unit 13 Ex 3 Reading) **and then complete the summary.**

Aggressive driving has been a problem for a long time: driving too close behind another car, overtaking and then cutting in, braking suddenly to annoy the driver behind. This sort of driving often causes accidents. But now we often read about 'road rage': when a driver uses his or her car like a weapon in order to harm another driver.

Road rage is mostly a problem among young men, but it can happen to anyone. In the USA a quiet 40-year-old secretary shot another woman driver because she braked suddenly on the freeway. And in Wales, a pensioner drove over a man's leg after fighting over a parking space. Doctors had to cut the leg off.

Why do normal drivers become different people behind the steering wheel? One reason is stress. Many people today have to travel a long way to work. There are too many cars on the road and a lot of traffic jams. Even small mistakes by other drivers or cyclists can cause road rage. One man tried to drive a woman off the road because he didn't like the sticker on her car!

Some people also think that the design of today's cars contributes to road rage. In the USA, very large sports utility vehicles (SUVs), which look like military vehicles, are very popular. Over 25% of the new cars that people buy in the USA are SUVs. People feel safer and more important in them and it is easy to use these scary big cars to frighten other drivers.

Road rage is a real problem. However, we should remember that a lot more people die in road accidents than in road rage cases. Each year there are 1.2 million road deaths and 50 million injuries worldwide. Road rage can kill – but speed and bad driving are the biggest killers.

"People have **1)** \_\_\_\_\_ aggressively for a long time, but nowadays people are deliberately hurting people with their cars. **2)** \_\_\_\_\_ can experience road rage, but it's most common in young men. Stress is one of the main causes, but some people believe that the fact people drive **3)** \_\_\_\_\_ cars might play a part too. Even though this is a problem, it causes nowhere near as many deaths as **4)** \_\_\_\_\_ and bad driving do.

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| a) driven | accidents | fight |
| b) men    | anyone    | young |
| c) bigger | old       | fast  |
| d) race   | rush      | speed |

**2. Read the letter below. What is Annie excited about? What does she want to arrange with Mark.**

Dear Mark,

How are you? Did you enjoy your holidays in Greece?

I'm so happy because I finally passed my driving test!! My dad got me insured on his big SUV! I'm a bit scared to drive it, but he says it's very safe and good for long journeys.

Anyway, I'm thinking about driving down to your house one weekend next month. Let me know when is good for you.

Lots of love,

Annie x

**3. Read the letter again and decide if the following statements about how to write an informal letter are true or false.**

	<b>True</b>	<b>False</b>
a) You can use contractions, for example <i>She's, it's</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b) You start by immediately stating the purpose of the letter	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c) You can use exclamation marks (!)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d) You can talk directly the reader, for example <i>How's your dog?</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**4. Imagine you are Mark. You have read the article about road rage and are a bit worried about Annie. Write her a letter responding to her news and her questions. Also explain your worries about what you read in the article.**