

UNIT 1 REVIEW TEST LISTENING SCRIPT

Erik: Hey there, Jun. Whatcha doing?

Jun: I'm just reading an article on my phone. Have you heard that distracted drivers cause over 1,000 accidents?

Erik: Huh, what? What do you mean by distracted drivers?

Jun: Distracted drivers are those that use their smartphone while driving.

Erik: No, I didn't know that. But that number seems low. I would have thought that people paying too much attention to their phones would cause even more accidents.

Jun: Well, according to this study, about a third of Americans report that they send emails or text when they drive.

Erik: Yea, that's why I thought the number of accidents would be higher. Have you been reading anything else interesting?

Jun: I've been reading about technology all morning.

Erik: Any reason why?

Jun: Well, I've been wondering if all this technology is a good thing or a bad thing. I mean, there are more accidents because of people's access to mobile technology.

Erik: Yea, but that's just one of the drawbacks. There are also a lot of advantages. Think about all the information that we can access instantly. There are health benefits to that, I think. People who are depressed can help find support groups. There's also dietary information that is easy to find. People can use apps to measure their health, too.

Jun: I'm not so sure about that. Just because there is a lot of information doesn't mean there is *good* information. And, think of all the people that can now find each other more easily but do bad things, like terrorists and other criminals.

Erik: Well, that's certainly a good point. But technology also helps the government find those people before they can commit any serious crimes.

Jun: But again, with so many people finding each other on so many different sites, it's difficult to catch people before they commit a crime. They probably don't talk about the crimes before using texts and social media.

Erik: That may be true. But plenty of criminal plans have been stopped because of the Internet.

Jun: OK, tell me about one.

Erik: Ehh. Let me take a look at my phone. I know I can find one... ehh.

Jun: Even with all the information on the Internet, it looks like you are having a lot of trouble finding the information you need to make your point. Maybe the Internet can't help us as much as we think it can.

Erik: Ehh... maybe...