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The New Law

In this passage, Rodolfo and Chen talk about a new law.

Rodolfo: Hey Chen, have you heard about the new law that makes it illegal to talk on a mobile phone while driving?

Chen: Yeah, I have.

Rodolfo: Well, what do you think about it?

Chen: I like it. I think it will make driving safer.

Rodolfo: How will it do that?

Chen: It will make drivers concentrate on the road and not on their phones. Talking on the phone while driving can be very dangerous.

Rodolfo: I guess that's true.

Chen: Well, what do you think about it?

Rodolfo: I don't like the new law.

Chen: Really? Why?

Rodolfo: Because I want to be able to talk on my mobile phone while I drive. Now that it's illegal, I don't talk to my mother anymore.

Chen: You don't?

Rodolfo: No. Before, I used to talk to her for hours. Now I never do. See, I commute to work. Each morning I drive an hour to work. Each evening I drive an hour back home. I used to talk to my mom during my commute. Now I never do.

Chen: You can't talk to her when you get home?

Rodolfo: No.

Chen: How come?

Rodolfo: Because I have other things to do. I have to clean the house, make dinner for my kids, do the laundry, and prepare for the next day at work. When I'm not doing those things, I like to relax. Sometimes I read. Sometimes I watch a movie.

Chen: Talking to your mom isn't relaxing?

Rodolfo: No way! Conversations with my mom are intense!



- 1) Which word describes Rodolfo best?
- A. safe
 - B. young
 - C. busy
 - D. lazy
- 2) How many children does Rodolfo have?
- A. two
 - B. three
 - C. five
 - D. The passage does not give this information.
- 3) What is one thing Rodolfo does to relax?
- A. He plays video games.
 - B. He reads.
 - C. He does the laundry.
 - D. He makes dinner.
- 4) What is the MAIN question discussed in this passage?
- A. How often should you talk to your mother?
 - B. What is the best way to relax after work?
 - C. Is okay to talk on the phone while driving?
 - D. When is the best time to be out on the road?
- 5) As used at the end of the passage, it can be understood that the word **intense** belongs to which word group?
- A. hard, difficult, stressful
 - B. amusing, playful, fun
 - C. easy, relaxing, calming
 - D. dull, tiresome, boring

