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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!

