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Woman passes 950th driving test

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

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A 68-year-old Korean woman finally passed her driving test. She failed her first 949 tests and succeeded at the 950th try. Mrs Cha Sa-soon always knew she would pass one day. She started taking driving lessons in April 2005. She had big problems with the written test. She took it almost every day for three years. One test costs just over \$4.60. She spent almost \$4,500 in total on her tests. She needed 60% to pass but always got less than 50%. The examiner Jung-seok really wanted her to pass. He said: "I feel sorry every time I see Cha fail.

It's great that Mrs Cha never gave up. We can all learn a lesson from her. She spent so long trying to get her driver's license. I bet she knows the rules of the road better than anyone now. Some people give up after failing two or three times. Mrs Cha is a good example of an old English saying: "If at first you don't succeed, try, try again." I wonder if she ever got mad. A lot of us would go crazy, I think. Mrs Cha is a special woman. She also proves another English saying about being patient: "All good things come to those who wait."

PHRASE MATCH

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Match the following phrases from the article.

Paragraph 1

1.	finally passed	a.	949 tests
	a, passea		3 . 3 . 6 . 6 . 6

Paragraph 2

1.	We can all learn	a.	after failing
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6. go
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 saying

LISTENING GAP FILL

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MULTIPLE CHOICE

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2.	(a)	knew	(b)	known	(c)	knowing
3.	(a)	around	(b)	almost	(c)	near
4.	(a)	total	(b)	totally	(c)	totals
5.	(a)	real	(b)	really	(c)	realize
6.	(a)	gave	(b)	given	(c)	giving
7.	(a)	tried	(b)	tries	(c)	trying
8.	(a)	saying	(b)	said	(c)	says
9.	(a)	come	(b)	go	(c)	have
10.	(a)	thing	(b)	things	(c)	thingamajig

SPELLING

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Spell the <u>jumbled</u> words (from the text) correctly.

Paragraph 1

- 1. <u>finally</u> passed her driving test
- 2. She <u>failed</u>
- 3. driving <u>lessons</u>
- 4. <u>written</u> test
- 5. She needed 60%
- 6. feel sorry

Paragraph 2

- 7. <u>learn</u> a lesson
- 8. driver's license
- 9. a good <u>example</u>
- 10. an old English <u>saying</u>
- 11. go <u>crazy</u>
- 12. being <u>patient</u>

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

2005. She had big problems with the written test. She) took it almost every day for three years. One test costs another English saying about being patient: "All good) things come to those who wait." **(1)** A 68-year-old Korean woman finally passed her driving test. She failed her first 949 tests and succeeded at the two or three times. Mrs Cha is a good example of an old) English saying: "If at first you don't succeed, try, try It's great that Mrs Cha never gave up. We can all learn a lesson from her. She spent so long trying to get her) just over \$4.60. She spent almost \$4,500 in total on her tests. She needed 60% to pass but always got less) driver's license. I bet she knows the rules of the road better than anyone now. Some people give up after failing than 50%. The examiner Jung-seok really wanted her) to pass. He said: "I feel sorry every time I see Cha fail. 950th try. Mrs Cha Sa-soon always knew she would) pass one day. She started taking driving lessons in April again." I wonder if she ever got mad. A lot of us would) go crazy, I think. Mrs Cha is a special woman. She also proves

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failed

1.

her

949

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first

With a partner, put the words back into the correct order.

tests

She.

- started driving She taking 2. lessons. written had the She with problems 3. test big. \$4.60 One just costs test 4. over. Jung-seok. 5. really wanted her to pass Cha It's 6. never great gave that up Mrs.
- 7. her learn a We lesson can from all.
- 8. road the of rules the knows She.
- 9. , succeed don't you first at If again try , try.
- 10. to All those good who things wait come.

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

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2.	
3.	
4.	
5.	
6.	
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WRITING

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Write abou partner you	ut drivin ur paper.	g tests Correct	for 10 each oth	minutes ner's work	s. Show	your

HOMEWORK

- **1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION:** Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.
- **2. INTERNET:** Search the Internet and find more information about driving tests. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.
- **3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE:** Write a magazine article about driving tests. Include imaginary interviews with Mrs Cha and her driving examiner. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.
- **4. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?** Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.
- **5. LETTER:** Write a letter to Mrs Cha. Ask her three questions about driving tests. Give her three of your opinions on how to pass tests. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Your partner will answer the questions you asked.