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Text:	<p>Akiko said she had been stopped by the police on her way home as part of routine checks they do on motorists travelling mid-evening at this time of year.</p> <p>The reason, of course, is that many people have end-of-year parties in December, and while most people are sensible and take public transport home, if they need to, some people risk driving after a few drinks. This may be for convenience, cost or because they think they are safe after fewer drinks than normal for a party.</p> <p>Whatever the reason, the dangers of poor judgement are increased considerably by alcohol, particularly if added to tiredness or a person with a tendency to take risks.</p>
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Discussion:	<p>Have you ever been involved in a traffic accident?</p> <p>How often do you think the police should have drink-drive campaigns?</p>
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Words and usage:	<p>A routine</p> <p>This is a repeated action you do, though, the frequency (how often) you do it may vary a lot. For example, 'I clean the windows once a month.'</p>
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Resources:	<p><a href="https://translate.weblio.jp">https://translate.weblio.jp</a></p> <p><a href="http://www.oxfordlearnersdictionaries.com">Oxford Dictionaries. http://www.oxfordlearnersdictionaries.com</a></p> <p><a href="https://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org">The British Council website. https://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org</a></p>
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Practice idea:	<p>Describe routines in your life that you do regularly, and some that you should do more often.</p>
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Listening link:	<p><a href="#">Police stops - audio</a></p> 
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Quiz Me! Conversation card:	<p><b>Card number F4 below is from pack Starter 2, available at <a href="http://englishbooks.jp">englishbooks.jp</a>, <a href="#">Amazon</a> and <a href="#">Rakuten</a></b></p>  <p>quizme.jp</p>
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