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Current Event Example

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Silly Drivers

I chose to read an article about a man who was ticketed and had his license suspended, taken away for a certain amount of time, for using his feet as brakes on his way home from work. After a long day of work, the man decided to journey home in his vehicle even though he knew his brakes were not in working order. His solution to this problem of having no working brakes was to use his feet to stop/slow his car. Obviously, his approach was flawed because he caused four accidents on his way home before police caught up with him and stopped his rampage. Thankfully, this man will be off of the roads for a while thanks to the efforts of local police and the absence of his license.

I was amazed when I read this article that someone would actually think it was a good idea to drive a car using their feet as brakes. This has to make everyone a little bit more cautious on the road because you never know who is going to be driving the same roads as you every day. After reading this article, I now understand the importance of having insurance as well as regular vehicle maintenance to ensure that important parts of my pink Chevy still work properly. Maybe this news article will prompt a scientist or an inventor to design a back-up portable brake system so if your breaks ever fail you would still be able to drive your car without having to use your feet as brakes. This article relates to what we have been discussing in class because this man was engaging in the scientific method as he drove his car home with his feet. He hypothesized that if he used his feet as brakes then he could make it home, tested this hypothesis, and after analyzing the results of his findings I doubt that he will ever use his feet as brakes again.

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