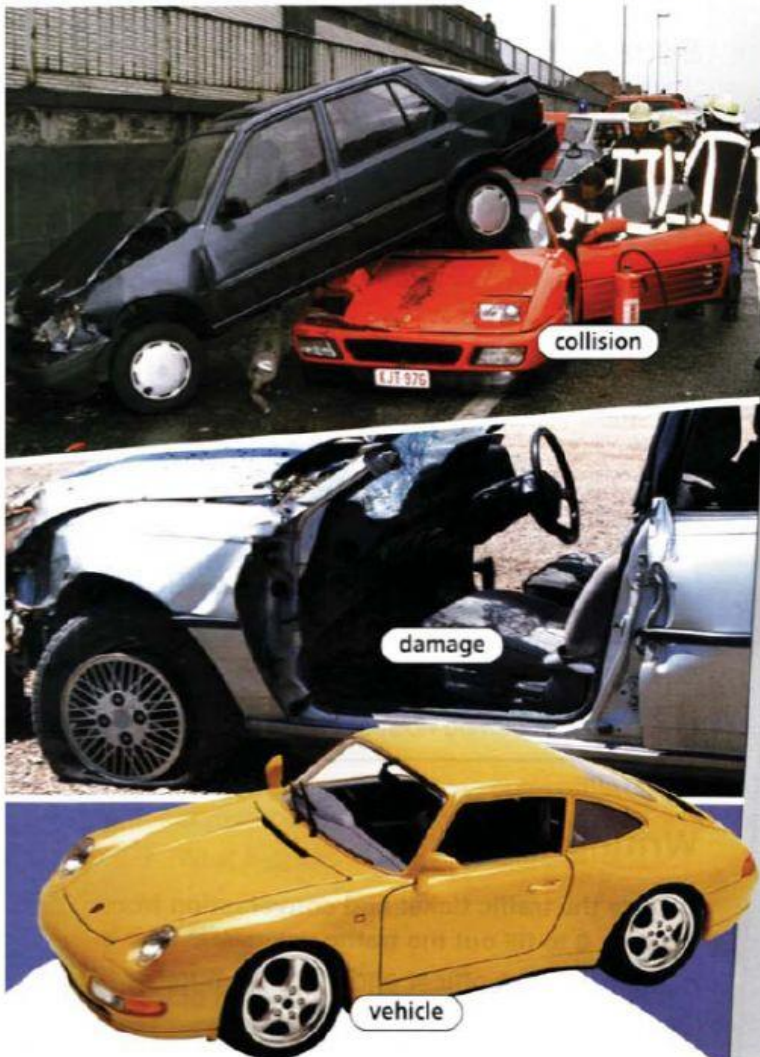


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ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION Report

VEHICLE 1

Driver: Paul Harvey Phone: 555-4004

License number: 400589

Passenger(s): Melissa Harvey

Vehicle make/model/year: Fairline F80 2002

License plate/state: HPO-399 / Missouri

VEHICLE 2

Driver: Wendy Kline Phone: 555-2390

License number: 874090

Passenger(s): none

Vehicle make/model/year: Tamaya Primus 2008

License plate/state: T54-RU5/ Kansas

Description of the accident:

Vehicle 1 **ran** a red light striking vehicle 2. **Point of impact** was passenger side door of vehicle 2. **Collision** caused minor **damage**, primarily to vehicle 2. Both vehicles are in **working order**. No **injuries** reported. One **witness on scene** gave his name and phone number: Mark Taylor (555-1212). Witness agrees with driver of vehicle 2.

Get ready!

- Before you read the passage, talk about these questions.
 - What are some common causes of car accidents?
 - What must police do when responding to an accident?

Reading

- Read the accident report. Then, mark the statements as true (T) or false (F).
 - ☐ Wendy Kline crashed into Paul Harvey.
 - ☐ Vehicle 2 received the most damage.
 - ☐ A witness was injured in the accident.

Vocabulary

- Complete the word or phrase so that it has the same meaning as the underlined part.

- Jane had a wound from the accident.
_ n _ _ r _
- The car was not in drivable condition.
_ _ r _ _ _ _ _ _ _ d _ _
- We saw the car crash from our window.
_ _ _ _ i _ _ _ n
- James was a person who saw the crash.
_ _ _ n _ s _
- The car is parked in the wrong space.
_ _ h _ c _ _

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- 4 Fill in the blanks with the correct words and phrases from the word bank.

word BANK

accident damage point of impact run on scene

- 1 The car's paint was scratched at the _____.
- 2 If you _____ a red light, you get a ticket.
- 3 The crash caused _____ to the car.
- 4 Tim has never had a car _____.
- 5 Police were _____ right after the car crash.

- 5 Listen and read the report again. How did the two drivers probably leave the crash site?

Listening

- 6 Listen to a conversation between a police officer and a driver after an accident. Choose the correct answers.

- 1 What is the conversation mostly about?
A how badly a driver was injured
B what happened before the accident
C the damage caused by the collision
D why the truck driver couldn't stop
- 2 What can you infer about the accident?
A It happened at a stop sign.
B It was caused by weather.
C It involved only two cars.
D It occurred at high speeds.

- 7 Listen again and complete the conversation.

Officer: Can you explain 1 _____?
Driver: Sure, officer. I 2 _____. Then the light turned green, and I stepped on the gas.
Officer: Was the intersection 3 _____?
Driver: I 4 _____ any vehicles in it at that time.
Officer: What happened next?
Driver: I entered the intersection. Right then, I saw a truck 5 _____.
Officer: What did you do?
Driver: I 6 _____. He did too. But he still hit me. He crashed into my passenger side door.

Speaking

- 8 With a partner, act out the roles below based on Task 7. Then, switch roles.

USE LANGUAGE SUCH AS:

Can you explain what happened?

What happened next?

Right then, ...

Student A: You are a police officer at a car accident. Ask Student B about:

- what happened
- the location of the accident
- what caused the accident

Student B: You are a driver who just had a car accident. Tell Student A about the car accident.

Writing

- 9 Use the accident report and the conversation from Task 8 to fill out the accident report. Make up a driver's name and location. Use today's date and time.

Accident Report

Driver's name: _____
Date/time of accident: _____
Description of accident: _____
Location: _____
Cause: _____
Injuries: ☐ yes ☐ no
Describe: _____
Damage: ☐ yes ☐ no
Describe: _____