

## A Driving tips

### TIPS FOR SAFER DRIVING

- Always **be prepared** for bad road conditions, and **concentrate** 100% of the time.
- Remember that **alcohol** has a serious **effect** on your ability to drive safely.
- Never drive when you're very tired, or you **risk falling asleep** and causing an accident.
- Be aware of other drivers around you as well as the road **ahead**.
- **Keep** to the **speed limit** and don't drive too **close** to the vehicle in front.

### GLOSSARY

<b>tip</b>	a piece of practical advice
<b>be prepared for sth</b>	be ready and able to deal with any problems
<b>concentrate (on sth)</b>	give all your attention to sth
<b>alcohol</b>	drinks such as beer and wine that can make people drunk <b>alcoholic</b> <i>adj</i>
<b>effect</b>	a change that happens because of sth <b>have an effect (on sb/sth)</b> <i>SYN affect sth/sb</i>
<b>risk (doing) sth</b>	put yourself or sth in danger <b>risk</b> <i>n</i>
<b>fall asleep</b>	start sleeping
<b>ahead</b>	in front
<b>keep</b>	continue or stay in a particular place or condition; <b>keep to the speed limit</b> stay at or below the speed limit; <b>keep left</b> stay on the left
<b>speed limit</b>	the highest legal speed you can drive on a road
<b>close (to sth/sb)</b>	near sth/sb

### 1 Good or bad? Write G or B.

- I've been given some tips on motorway driving. G
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|---|---|
| 1 You're risking your life in that car. ....      | 5 I wasn't aware of the speed limit. ....   |
| 2 She's concentrating on driving. ....            | 6 The road ahead is empty. ....             |
| 3 She had an alcoholic drink before driving. .... | 7 The poor light affected his driving. .... |
| 4 She fell asleep while driving. ....             | 8 He always keeps to the speed limit. ....  |

### 2 Complete the dialogues.

- Would you like some wine?  
 1 Did the accident affect you? ~ No, thanks. It's bad to drink alcohol before driving.  
 2 Megan talks a lot in the car. ~ Yes, it had a very big ..... on me.  
 3 What caused the accident? ~ I know. She doesn't ..... when she's driving.  
 4 Did Mo give you any advice on the driving test? ~ The driver ..... asleep for a few seconds.  
 5 Were you looking behind you? ~ Yes, she gave me some useful .....  
 6 Did you see what was going to happen? ~ No, I was looking .....  
 7 What's the matter? ~ No, I wasn't ..... for it.  
 8 Were you driving too fast? ~ You're driving too ..... to the car in front of us.  
 ~ No, I ..... to the speed limit.

### 3 ABOUT YOU Write your answers, or ask another student.

- Are the tips in this unit useful, or did you know them already? .....
- What is the speed limit in towns in your country? .....
- Do people usually keep to it? .....
- Do you have to be prepared for bad weather on the roads in your country? How? .....
- Apart from alcohol, what other things can have a negative effect on drivers? .....



### TEST YOURSELF



## B Driving problems

I'm a terrible driver. The first time I took my driving test, I forgot to fasten my seat belt, so I failed. The second time, I didn't signal when I was turning left, and I failed again. When I finally passed and got my driving licence, a police officer stopped me for speeding. A few weeks later, I went through a red light and hit another car. Luckily, the other car wasn't damaged, but I had to pay £350 on my insurance to get my car fixed. And then I ended up getting a fine for driving through the red light.



fasten your seat belt / do your seat belt up

### SPOTLIGHT compounds with driving

When people learn to drive, they often have driving lessons before they take their driving test. If they pass, they get a driving licence (=a document which shows that you are allowed to drive).

### GLOSSARY

<b>fail</b>	do badly in a test or an exam <b>OPP pass</b>	<b>damage</b>	break or harm sth <b>damage n</b>
<b>signal</b>	When you are driving and you signal, you show that you want to turn left/ right, etc. <b>signal n</b>	<b>insurance</b>	an agreement where you pay money to a company, so that it will give you money if sth bad happens
<b>speeding</b>	driving faster than the legal speed limit <b>speed v</b>	<b>fix</b>	repair sth
<b>red light</b>	a signal telling a driver to stop <i>go through a red light</i> = not stop	<b>end up</b>	get into in a place or situation when you did not plan it
<b>luckily</b>	= it is lucky that ... <b>SYN fortunately; luck n</b>	<b>fine</b>	money that you must pay because you have done sth wrong

#### 4 Circle the correct words or phrases. Be careful: in two questions, both answers are correct.

- The driver got / went through a red light, but a police officer stopped him.
- 1 My cousin was stopped by the police for *speeding* / *signalling*.
- 2 Fortunately I passed, so I've got my *driving test* / *driving licence* now.
- 3 She never remembers to *do up* / *fasten* her seat belt.
- 4 You have to have *insurance* / *a fine* to drive a car in this country.
- 5 The driver *signed* / *signalled* to turn left, but in fact he turned right.
- 6 We were planning to go home, but we *ended* / *ended up* at Milly's house.
- 7 It was a long journey, but *luckily* / *fortunately* we got home before the snow.
- 8 I wasn't injured, but my bicycle was badly *damaged* / *hurt* in the accident.
- 9 Did you have to pay *insurance* / *a fine* when the police officer stopped you?
- 10 I fell asleep for a few seconds and it was just *luck* / *luckily* that I didn't hit anything.

#### 5 One word is missing in each line. What is it, and where does it go?

I was a very slow learner, and I had driving / for two years before I the driving test. I was very nervous, and I went through a light, which was extremely dangerous, and, of course, I the test. The second time, I was less nervous and did better: I and got my driving. I bought an old car from a friend and paid a lot of money for to protect the car. However, it had a lot of problems: I couldn't the seat belt, and I couldn't to turn left or right. It also had some to the passenger door from an earlier accident my friend had, so I up having to pay a garage to some of the faults.

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