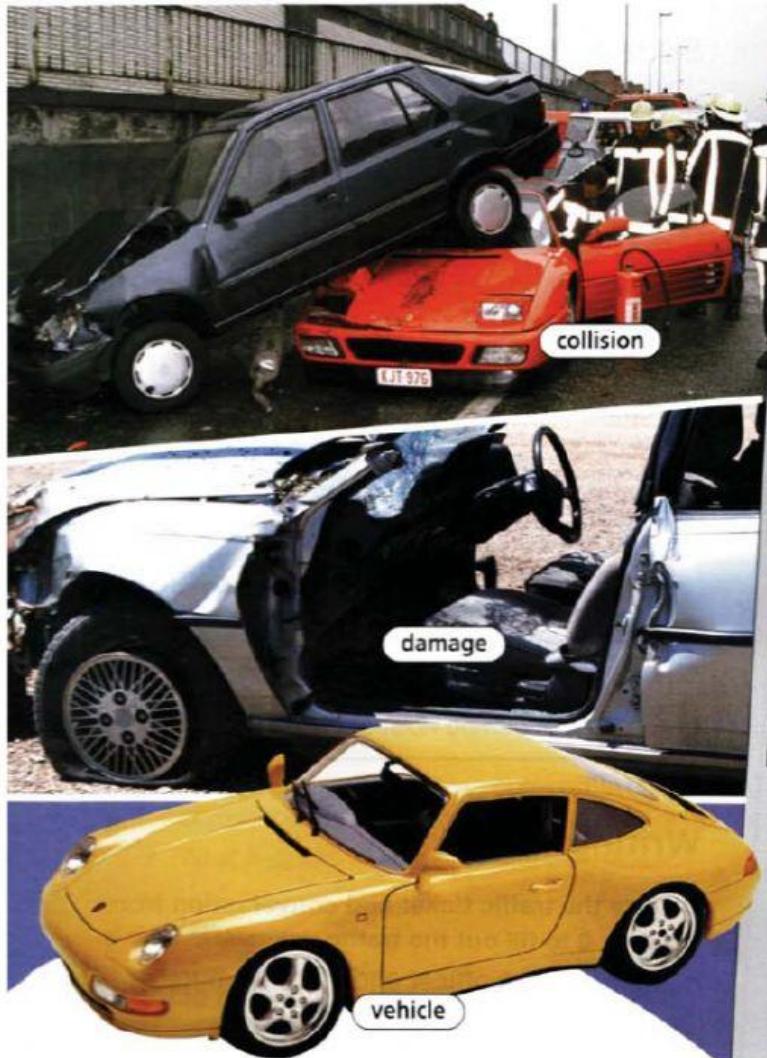


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ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION Report

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!

1 Before you read the passage, talk about these questions.

- 1 What are some common causes of car accidents?
- 2 What must police do when responding to an accident?

Reading

2 Read the accident report. Then, mark the statements as true (T) or false (F).

- 1 Wendy Kline crashed into Paul Harvey.
- 2 Vehicle 2 received the most damage.
- 3 A witness was injured in the accident.

Vocabulary

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

1 Jane had a wound from the accident.
_n _r _

2 The car was not in drivable condition.
_r _____ d _

3 We saw the car crash from our window.
_c _r _n

4 James was a person who saw the crash.
_c _n _s _

5 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?
 - how badly a driver was injured
 - what happened before the accident
 - the damage caused by the collision
 - why the truck driver couldn't stop
- 2 What can you infer about the accident?
 - It happened at a stop sign.
 - It was caused by weather.
 - It involved only two cars.
 - 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:	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
Describe:	_____
Damage:	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
Describe:	_____