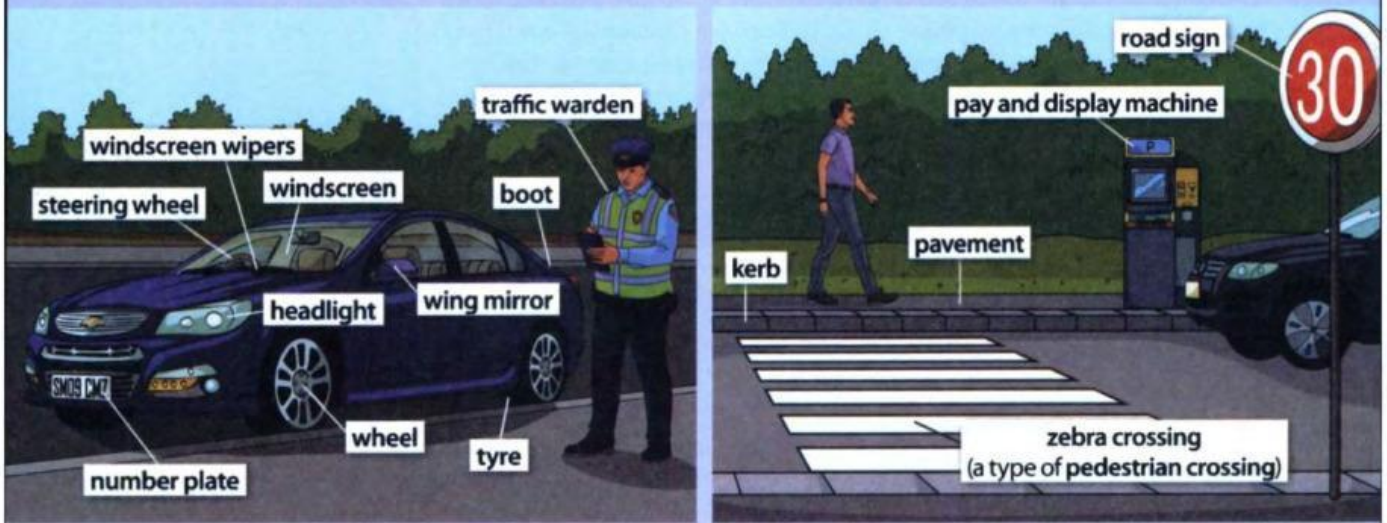


26 Cars and driving

A The car



1 Combine words in the box to form eight compound nouns.

wing	steering	pedestrian	road	parking	traffic	windscreen	warden
number	crossing	wheel	wiper	mirror	plate	meter	sign

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2 What is it?

- 1 It's on the outside of the wheel.
- 2 You look through it when you're driving.
- 3 It's where people walk.
- 4 You park next to it.
- 5 It identifies your car.
- 6 It helps people to cross the road.

3 Complete the sentences.

If you want to ...

- 1 change direction, turn the
- 2 store luggage, open the
- 3 see in the rain, turn on the
- 4 see at night, turn on the
- 5 overtake, look in your
- 6 know the speed limit, look for a

4 ABOUT YOU AND YOUR COUNTRY Write your answers, or talk to another student.

- 1 Do you have zebra crossings in your country? Do motorists stop for pedestrians?
- 2 Do you have and use pay and display machines? What methods of payment are there?
- 3 Do you have traffic wardens? What is your attitude to them?
- 4 Do you fit special tyres on your car in the winter?
- 5 Do you have automatic headlights and/or windscreen wipers? If so, are they helpful?
- 6 Do people park on the pavement in your country?



B Driving a car

- The first thing you have to do is start the car and **pull away** from the kerb.
- You **steer** the car to control its direction.
- If you want to go faster, you **accelerate**.
- If you want to **slow down**, you **put on the brakes**.
- If you want to go back, you **reverse**.
- If you change direction suddenly, e.g. to avoid hitting something, you **swerve**.
- If you drive fast on a wet road and **brake** too quickly, you may **skid**.
- If you pass another car going in the same direction, you **overtake**.
- With a **manual** car, you need to **change gear** all the time (from 1 to 5/6 and reverse).
- You need to be **alert** at all times and **on the lookout** for any **potential hazards**.

GLOSSARY

pull away (from sth)	(of a vehicle) start moving
accelerate	(of a vehicle or person) start to go faster SYN speed up ; OPP slow down ; accelerator <i>n</i> the pedal in a car, etc. that you press to control the speed
skid	slide sideways or forwards in an uncontrolled way
manual	With a manual car, you operate the gears by hand. OPP automatic
alert	watching or listening with all your attention: be on the alert (for sth/sb)
be on the lookout (for sth/sb)	pay attention in order to see, find or avoid sth
potential	that may possibly happen SYN possible
hazard	a danger or risk hazardous <i>adj</i>

5 Cover the text and glossary, then complete the definitions.

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| 1 pull away = start | 5 steer = control the of the vehicle |
| 2 manual = operated by | 6 skid = slide because you have control of the vehicle |
| 3 be on the lookout = pay | |
| 4 swerve = change direction | |

6 Replace the underlined words with words that keep the same meaning.

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| 1 You need to <u>speed up</u> . | |
| 2 I can't <u>go back</u> any further. | |
| 3 Ice can be a real <u>danger</u> . | |
| 4 Birds are a <u>possible</u> problem. | |
| 5 You can't <u>pass another car</u> here. | |
| 6 You have to be on the <u>alert</u> . | |
| 7 I <u>changed direction suddenly</u> to avoid the child crossing the road. | |
| 8 OK, you can <u>move forward</u> now. | |

7 Complete the sentences in a suitable way.

- You shouldn't on a bridge.
- You shouldn't the car with one hand.
- When you slow, you should gradually, not suddenly.
- You should always be when you drive. If you feel tired, take a break.
- People shouldn't drink and drive: otherwise, they are a danger to themselves and others.
- If you skid, take your foot off the brake and change to a higher
- I don't know why people drive manual cars. It's much better to drive an

8 ABOUT YOU Do you agree with the sentences in Exercise 7, and do you always follow the advice? Write your answers, or talk to another student.

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TEST YOURSELF