Unit 5



driving

EXERCISE 1

Sort the following vocabulary items into two groups; in the first group, place items which you find inside a car and into the second group place items which you find on the outer part of a car:

headlights	seat belt	accelerator	indicator lights	bumper	clutch
windscreen wipers		gear lever	fuel gauge	choke	dashboard
indicator switch		windscreen	horn	number plate	aerial

INSIDE	OUTSIDE

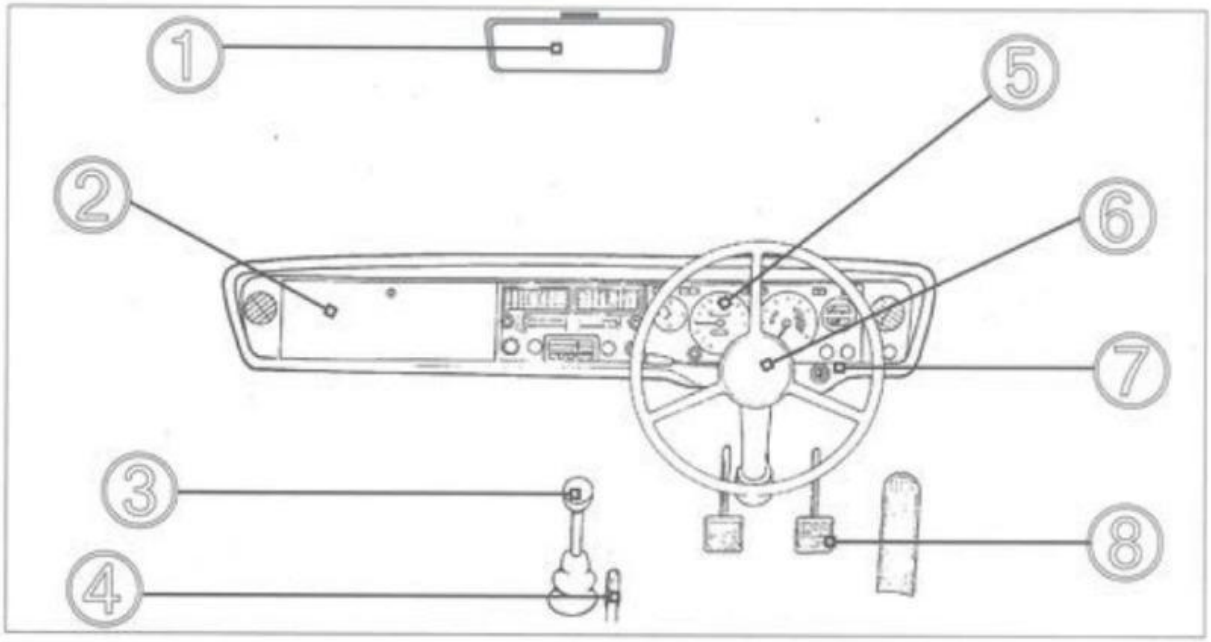
EXERCISE 2

Match the numbers from the diagram on the opposite page with the words below:

- ☐ steering wheel
- ☐ mirror
- ☐ brake pedal
- ☐ ignition switch
- ☐ handbrake
- ☐ speedometer
- ☐ glove compartment
- ☐ gear lever

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EXERCISE 3

Put these road vehicles in order of size from largest to smallest:

coach	minibus	van	juggernaut	pick-up truck	car	bicycle	moped



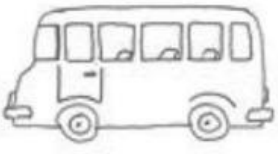
e.g. juggernaut: *very large lorry*
pick-up truck



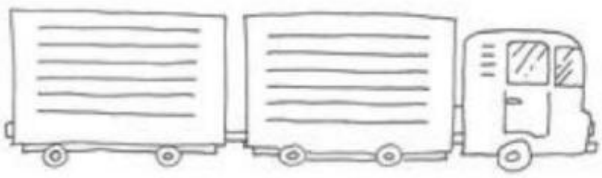












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EXERCISE 4

☞ While traffic signs remain mostly universal, there are some important differences between the rules of the road in Britain and those in other European countries. Most significantly, the British drive on the left side of the road and hence the steering wheel is located on the right-hand side in British-made cars.

The driving test in Britain used to have no written element; it was carried out by practical assessment only. Of course, that has all changed now and there is an online theory test to be taken prior to the practical. The official document which sets out the rules of the road is called 'The Highway Code' and examinees are tested orally on their understanding of driving conventions during the practical, in addition to having to complete the online theory test.

Answer the questions below by putting ✔ if you agree or ✘ if you disagree in the boxes below:

- ☐ Traffic signs are different in Britain from those in other European countries.
- ☐ In most European countries, vehicles travel on the left side of the road.
- ☐ You have to complete an internet-based assessment before doing your driving test.
- ☐ 'The Highway Code' is the name of the registration document which is compulsory for all drivers.
- ☐ The driving test in Britain was modified to introduce a new element to the exam.

EXERCISE 5

Look at the diagrams of some common road traffic signs and match them with the following:

- ☐ No parking
- ☐ No entry
- ☐ Roundabout
- ☐ No stopping (clearway)
- ☐ One way
- ☐ Steep hill
- ☐ End of special speed limit zone
- ☐ No overtaking



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EXERCISE 6

Choose the correct verb from the following to complete the sentences below:

drive	brake	crash	overtake	park

1 It's forbidden to _____ a car which has stopped at traffic lights.

2 Never _____ where there are yellow lines on the side of the road.

3 I wasn't looking where I was going and before I knew it, the _____ had already occurred and there was broken glass everywhere.

4 People put red 'L' plates on the front and back of the car when they are learning to _____ .

5 "This idiot came from behind and drove straight in front of me; I had to _____ suddenly to avoid a collision."

EXERCISE 7

Match the following nouns to the definitions given below:

bonnet	licence	insurance policy
boot	vehicles	service

1 Collective name for all cars, lorries, motorbikes, etc. _____

2 Official document which confirms legal right to drive _____

3 This ensures cover in case of accident or theft. _____

4 Regular engine checks, oil change, general maintenance _____

5 You have to lift this to look at the engine. _____

6 You can place your suitcase or shopping bags here. _____



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