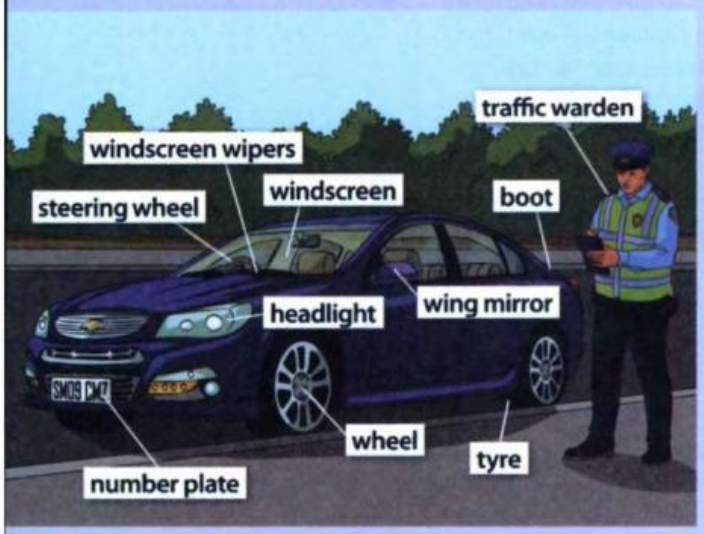
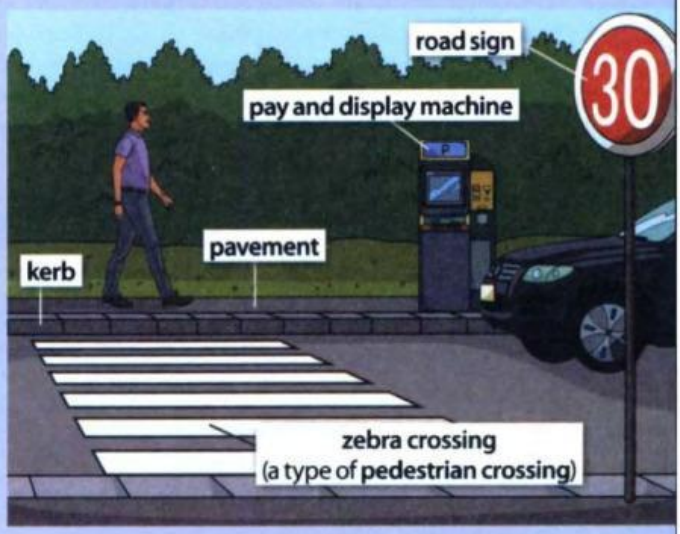
26 Cars and driving

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? .....

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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** *n* 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** *adj*

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

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

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

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.**

1 You shouldn't _____ on a bridge.
2 You shouldn't _____ the car with one hand.
3 When you slow _____, you should _____ gradually, not suddenly.
4 You should always be _____ when you drive. If you feel tired, take a break.
5 People shouldn't drink and drive: otherwise, they are a _____ danger to themselves and others.
6 If you skid, take your foot off the brake and change to a higher _____.
7 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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