



Speed Humps

In British English, they are called “sleeping policemen” and in Russia, they are known as “lying down policemen”. What are they? They are speed humps and unfortunately, we [1] \_\_\_\_\_ have to drive over [2] \_\_\_\_\_ several times a day. Arthur Compton is the man many people say [3] \_\_\_\_\_ the modern speed hump in 1953. Compton worked at a university in St. Louis, Missouri where he saw the high speed of cars passing outside the university. He [4] \_\_\_\_\_ worried about the safety of his students crossing the street. He began designs for what he called “traffic control bumps”. Speed humps are now [5] \_\_\_\_\_ around the world to [6] \_\_\_\_\_ drivers down. Usually 7.5 to 10 cm tall, they are put across a road where speeding cars have caused accidents in the past, [7] \_\_\_\_\_ where there might be people wanting to cross the road on foot. However, sometimes bumps are badly-designed and can be too [8] \_\_\_\_\_, which can be dangerous for drivers if they are not easy to see (especially at night). Drivers of sports cars often have problems driving over them because these cars are usually very low on the road and they sometimes damage [9] \_\_\_\_\_ bottom of their vehicles. [10] \_\_\_\_\_ many people dislike them, it seems speed humps are here to stay as they do prevent many accidents.

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| [1] a. all      | b. everyone | c. many             |
| [2] a. they     | b. it       | c. them             |
| [3] a. invented | b. invents  | c. invent           |
| [4] a. were     | b. is       | c. was              |
| [5] a. used     | b. using    | c. use              |
| [6] a. slowing  | b. slow     | c. slowed           |
| [7] a. but      | b. so       | c. or               |
| [8] a. higher   | b. high     | c. height           |
| [9] a. a        | b. the      | c. ø (zero article) |
| [10] a. Because | b. Even so  | c. Even though      |