



- 13 Read *Six Tips For Defensive Driving* on page 46 of the Student's Book again. Then read the statements and write **D** for defensive driving, **A** for aggressive driving, or **I** for inattentive driving.

1. ____ tailgating to make others go faster
2. ____ following the "3-second rule"
3. ____ multitasking while driving
4. ____ checking your mirrors frequently
5. ____ slowing down in bad weather
6. ____ pulling over to avoid a bad driver
7. ____ cutting other drivers off
8. ____ talking on the phone while driving

- 14 Read the article about renting a car in the U.S.

Driving in the U.S.A.

Planning a trip to the U.S.? Have you thought about how you'll get around? If you're going to stay in a big city such as New York, Chicago, or San Francisco, public transportation is the most convenient option. However, to travel almost anywhere else in the U.S., you'll need a car.



Car Rental Tips

Requirements: Most car rental agencies require drivers to be at least 25 years old. Some allow younger drivers, but may charge a higher rate. To rent a car in the U.S., you will need a credit card and driver's license. Visitors can usually rent a car and drive with a driver's license from their home country. However, if your license is in a language that doesn't use the Roman alphabet, you should obtain an International Driving Permit in English.

Cost: Car rental rates change often, and you can usually save money by shopping around for the best price. Be sure to check travel and rental agency websites for special sales and discounts. Look for package deals that offer car rental and airfare or hotel for one low price. If your schedule is flexible, compare prices for different travel dates. It is often cheaper to rent a car on weekends or for a full week rather than a few days.

Hidden charges: Always read the small print on your car rental agreement carefully—to check for hidden charges such as taxes, airport surcharges, and drop-off fees (an extra charge for returning a car to a different location from where you picked up). Make sure that you drop off the car with a full tank of gas. Rental agencies charge a fill-up fee and high gas prices if they have to fill up the gas tank.

Safety: Before you leave the car rental lot, inspect the car carefully for damage and make sure everything is working properly. Ask the agent to note any problems on the rental form. Take a few minutes to become familiar with the car. Adjust your seat and mirrors. Locate the controls for the lights, turn signals, and windshield wipers. Then, buckle up! Wear your seat belt, and ask your passengers to wear theirs, too. Most states have seat belt laws, and all states require that young children and babies sit in the back seat in special child seats. When you're ready, follow the traffic laws for the states you'll be driving in. If you're not sure, check with car rental staff before you hit the road.

Find and circle the phrases in the article in Exercise 14. Then match the phrases and their meanings. Write the letter on the line.

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| 1. ____ get around | a. extra costs that are not clearly stated |
| 2. ____ package deals | b. fasten your seat belt |
| 3. ____ hidden charges | c. travel from place to place |
| 4. ____ fill-up fee | d. begin a car trip |
| 5. ____ buckle up | e. specials that offer two or more services for one price |
| 6. ____ hit the road | f. an extra charge for returning a car without a full tank of gas |

15 Answer the questions about renting a car in the U.S. Use information from the article in Exercise 14. Explain your answers.

1. I am 23 years old. Can I rent a car? _____

2. Do I need an International Driving Permit to drive in the U.S.? _____

3. Where can I get the best price for a car rental? _____

4. I want to pick up a car in New York and drop it off at Los Angeles International Airport. What hidden charges should I check for? _____

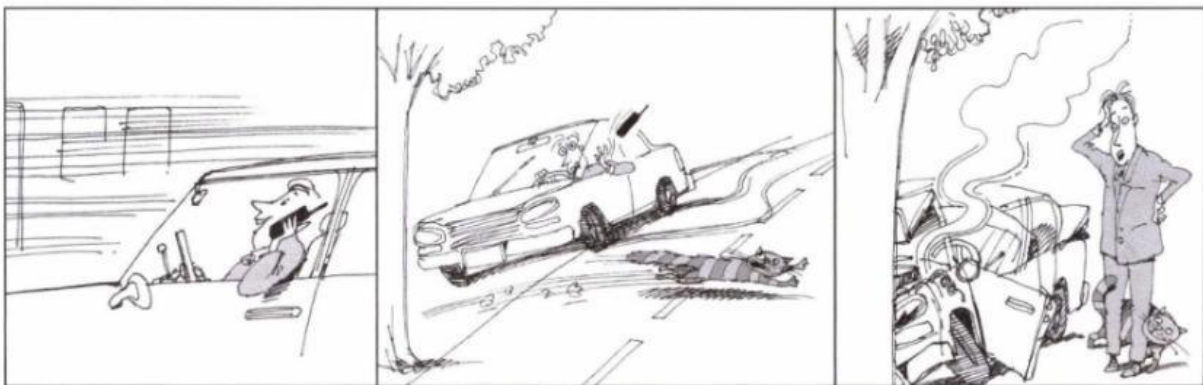
5. We are traveling with small children. Are there any special requirements? _____

GRAMMAR BOOSTER

A Complete each sentence in your own way. Use the past continuous or the simple past tense.

1. They were having dinner when _____.
2. While _____, it started to rain.
3. While Marie was watching TV, her husband _____.
4. When _____, I was leaving my office.
5. He had an accident while _____.

B CHALLENGE. Look at the pictures. On a separate sheet of paper, write a story about what happened using the words and phrases in the boxes.



drive
talk on cell phone
not pay attention

run in front of
stop

hit
hurt
damage

C Put the words in order and write sentences. If a sentence can be written in two ways, write it both ways.

1. dropped / Margo / off / the car

Margo dropped off the car. OR Margo dropped the car off.

2. up / it / Sam / picked

3. the tank / filled / I / up

4. can't / turn / on / Sue / the headlights

5. turn / off / I / can't / them

6. like / He'd / it / to / drop / off / at noon

7. I / to / need / up / it / fill

8. picked / the car / William / up / has

D Label each underlined noun either common or proper. Then rewrite each sentence, replacing the underlined noun with a subject or object pronoun.

1. ^{common}
The car door is making a funny sound.

It is making a funny sound.

2. Mr. Lee rented the convertible.

3. The mechanic replaced the taillight.

4. Alex already called Econo-Car.

5. The Amigo minivan hit the tree.

6. My sister will drop off the keys.

7. Mrs. Lane is going to pick up her son at 5:00.

WRITING BOOSTER

A Insert commas where necessary in the following sentences.

1. You need a driver's license and a credit card to rent a car.
2. The car rental charge included a drop-off fee a fill-up fee and an airport surcharge.
3. You should shop around for the best price and make a reservation.
4. Adjust your seat mirrors and the radio.
5. Locate the controls for the lights and turn signals.

B Combine each pair of sentences into one sentence consisting of two independent clauses. Use and.

1. The driver wasn't paying attention. He hit the car in front of him.

2. It's raining. The sunroof won't close.

3. Lucy has five kids. She drives a minivan.

4. The GPS isn't working. We're lost.

C Complete the statements. Look back at the article in Exercise 14 for ideas. Add commas.

1. Many areas of the U.S. don't have good public transportation. Therefore _____

2. Car rental rates change frequently. Therefore _____

3. To find a good rate, check travel and car rental agency websites. In addition _____

4. Return your rental car with a full tank of gas. If you don't, you'll pay double the regular price for gas.
In addition _____

5. Most states have seat belt laws. Therefore _____

6. Small children must sit in the back seat. In addition _____

D On a separate sheet of paper, write about your driving or a friend or family member's driving. Include good and bad driving behaviors.