

A. The intermediate class is discussing applying for a driver's license. Answer these questions related to that topic.

- 1.What is the difference between a driver's license and a license plate?
- 2.What is the difference between a vision exam and an eye test?
- 3.What is an expiration date?
- 4.Do driver's licenses have to be renewed?
- 5.What is a learner's permit?
- 6.What is liability insurance?
- 7.Do you have a Texas driver's license?
- 8.Do you have a driver's license in your home country?
- 9.How old were you when you started driving?
- 10.How old do you have to be to drive in your country?
- 11.When you started driving did you have a manual shift or an automatic transmission?
- 12.Describe the first car you owned.
- 13.Have you ever gotten a ticket?
- 14.What type of car do you prefer? SUV, van, convertible, truck, sedan
- 15.Who taught you to drive?
- 16.Do you feel safe driving in the U.S.?
- 17.Do you think the age for driving should be raised or lowered?
- 18.Do you think it is OK to talk on a cell phone and drive?
- 19.Do you think it is OK to text and drive?
- 20.Would you buy a hybrid car?
- 21.Do people honk their horns frequently in your country?
- 22.Do you like to take "road trips"?

B. Match these vocabulary words with their definitions

yield	a street with only one way in or out
skid	a person walking
blind spot	an action aimed at avoiding an accident
intersection	concrete edging on the side of the street
dead end street	driving too close behind another vehicle
crosswalk	the vehicle which has the right to proceed first
pedestrian	to give way to another driver
DWI	the portion of the road that separates lanes moving in the opposite direction
evasive action	when a car strikes another object
collision	the area to the side and slightly behind the driver's vision
curb	a part of the road marked by stripes where pedestrians have the right of way

tailgating	when your car slides
median	driving while intoxicated
right of way	where two streets cross

C. Have the students SILENTLY read the first paragraph. Then ask them to turn their paper over and tell what the paragraph said. Call on other students to add things that were left out. Then have a student read the paragraph aloud. Ask for any questions about vocabulary or understanding. Then move to the next paragraph and repeat.

1-I drove home last night in the fog. It was very scary because you could not see but a few feet ahead. I drove very slowly, but I was afraid someone driving faster might hit me from behind. It was one of the most hazardous driving conditions I have ever experienced.

2-I tried to get a driver's license yesterday, but I did not have the proper identification. They told me I needed a birth certificate and social security number. I do not have a social security number and I did not bring my birth certificate from my home country. I showed them my work i.d., but they would not accept it. I guess I'll have to have my birth certificate mailed to me.

3-I signed up for driver training. On the first day the instructor asked me to get into the car and start driving down the street. I had never driven in my life. I told the instructor that I didn't feel safe driving yet. I felt I needed to practice in the parking lot. He told me that the best way to learn to drive is by driving. He told me not to be scared. But I was very scared. I could not do it. I left the driving school. My husband will teach me to drive. We will start out in the parking lot.

4-My son got a ticket for speeding. I was very angry. He is 17 years old and has only been driving one year. It is not safe for him to drive too fast. I told him he could not drive my car for the next three months. I also made him pay the ticket. It cost \$100.00. He will have to work after school to earn the money. My son was mad at me. He said speeding was no big deal. He felt the punishment was too harsh. Maybe I was too hard on him.

5-I had an accident yesterday. Someone ran a red light and hit my car. I was so scared. Fortunately, I was not hurt. He hit me at the back of the car. I feel very lucky that I did not have my children in the back seat. I called the police and they gave the driver that hit me a ticket. He gave me the name of his insurance company. He promised that the insurance company would pay to fix my car. I hope he is right, because I cannot afford to fix it.