

Listening Exercise: Circle the word you hear. Ask for the meaning if you don't know the word.

clock	block
crook	dock
flock	frock
gawk	hawk
jock	knock
lock	mock
shock	smock

Teachers: Discuss the meanings of the vocabulary words above in these sentences.

1. I cook stews and soups in my crock pot.
2. Janie blocked my nomination for president of The Women's League.
3. A flock of pigeons flew into the plane's engine.
4. I don't like people gawking at me just because I have a big gold ring through my lip.
5. All the jocks at school think they are cool.
6. The kids mocked him because he wore pink shoes to school.
7. Put on a smock before you begin to paint.
8. It was a shock to learn that the children would not be taught to read in kindergarten.
9. He got shocked when he touched the loose wire.
10. We had a mock rescue exercise in class today so we would be prepared for the real thing.

How many of you drive your own car? Do you know what to do if you have an accident? What if a policeman pulls you over? Read these tips. Discuss in your group.**If you have an accident:**

- 1-Call 911. Explain your location and briefly tell what happened. Tell them if anyone is injured.
- 2-Do not move a badly injured person unless there is danger of fire or of being hurt worse.
- 3-Turn on your hazard lights to warn other motorists. If you have flares, place them on the road.
- 4-Get as much information from the other drivers as possible. You should ask to see their driver's license. Copy the name, address and driver's license number. Get the license plate number and the make and model of their car.
- 5-Ask for their insurance card. Copy the information on it.
- 6-Write down the name, address and phone number of any witnesses to the accident.
- 7-Ask for the name and badge number of the police officer investigating the accident.

If a policeman is following you with lights flashing:

- 1-Pull off the road as soon as safely possible. If you are in an area where there are parking lots, pull into a parking lot.
- 2-Turn off your engine.
- 3-Stay in your car unless the officer asks you to get out.

4-Keep your hands visible. You can rest them on the steering wheel.

5-Get out your driver's license and proof of insurance to show to the officer.

6-If the officer gives you a ticket, sign it. It is not an admission of guilt. If you don't sign it, you could be arrested.

7-Be polite and cooperative.

Discuss in your group:

1. Tell about an accident you were involved in.
2. Should motorcycle riders be required to wear helmets?
3. Should people be required to wear seat belts?
4. Are traffic accidents common in your country?
5. What do you think causes most traffic accidents?
6. Should people go to jail if they kill someone in a traffic accident that was their fault?
7. How bad is rush hour traffic in your home city compare to Austin?
8. At what age do you learn to drive in your country?
9. How is driving in the U.S. different than in your country?

Idioms:

- 1-a happy accident- a pleasant situation or event that was not planned or intended
- 2-an accident waiting to happen- a dangerous situation in which an accident is likely
- 3-more by accident than design-because of luck not because of skill
- 4-gridlock-traffic congestion where no movement is possible in any direction
- 5-traffic jam-when traffic is backed up and must move very slowly if at all
- 6-test drive-to drive a car you are considering buying
- 7-hit and run-a driver that hits a person with his car, and drives away
- 8-road hog-someone that drives so that no one else can get by him
- 9-lane cheaters-when the traffic is stopped and backed up in one lane, a lane cheater comes around everyone to the front of the line, then tries to force their way in at the front
- 10-in the driver's seat-to be in control of the situation