

FUMC ESL12-4-2023 High Intermediate and Advanced Lesson

Introduce yourself. Tell where you are from and where you live now.

Driving in Texas

1. Do you have a Texas driver's license? How difficult was it to get?
2. Talk about learning to drive. Did you drive in your home country? How old were you when you learned? How old must you be to drive in your country?
3. What traffic laws are different here than in your country? (ex: side of the road you drive on, seat belts, children in the car, driving with learner's permit, insurance requirements, legal age to drive)
4. Do most people own cars in your country? How many cars do most families own?

Frequently Asked Questions about Driving

1. I have a driver's license from California. Can I use it while I live in Texas? How long can I drive on my International Driver's Permit (IDP)?

If you have a driver's license from another state or country, you have 90 days to get a valid Texas driver's license. If you have an International Driver's Permit (IDP) you have one year to get a Texas license.

Application for a driver license must be made in person. You can download an application form at the website www.dps.texas.gov.

3. What should I bring to the DPS office when I apply for a driver's license? Can I bring copies?

You must provide documents which prove:

- a-your identity (passport)
- b-your residence in Texas
- c-your citizenship or lawful presence (green card or visa)
- d-your social security number

You must bring originals or certified copies of all documents. (Certified copies will usually have a seal on them.) If you are not eligible for a social security number (SSN) you will be asked to swear to that.

4. What do I do if I fail the test? Do I have to pay the fee each time I take the test?

The fee to take the test allows you to take the test 3 times. If you fail after 3 attempts, you must apply again and pay the fee again.

5. Do I have to take a written test AND a driving test?

Yes, you must pass both a written and driving test.

6. Do I have to register my car in Texas?

You must register your car with the county tax assessor-collector. You must register in the county where you live. If you live in Austin, you live in Travis County. If you live in Round Rock, you live in Williamson County. You will be given a registration sticker which must be displayed on the lower left side of the windshield.

7. There are two stickers on my windshield. What is the second one?

The other sticker is a vehicle inspection sticker. You must have your car inspected once a year. The sticker will show the month your car was inspected, and the last digit of the year it was inspected. You can be ticketed if your inspection sticker is expired.

8. Do I have to pay for car insurance?

All drivers must have liability insurance. Liability insurance pays the other driver for any damage YOU cause. Your insurance company will give you a certificate that shows you have liability insurance. If you are stopped by a policeman, you will have to show your liability insurance certificate.

9. What is collision insurance?

Collision insurance covers damage to your car if you are in a wreck. You should have collision insurance, but it is not required by law.

10. If I'm in a traffic accident, should I call the police?

If you are in a minor traffic accident with no injuries and you are able to move your car, you can just exchange driver's license and insurance information. You don't have to call the police. But you **must call the police** if:

- There is an injury or fatality
- The vehicles can't be moved.
- You suspect one of the drivers is intoxicated or impaired
- One of the drivers has no insurance
- One of the drivers leaves the scene without leaving his information.

What other questions do you have about driving in Texas?

Vocabulary Exercise: Use one of these OUT phrasal verbs to complete the sentence. pass out, talk out of, stand out, try out, turn out or wear out in the blanks below.

1. My kids _____ their shoes so fast.
2. I feel really weak and like I might _____. I should have eaten something today, but I didn't have time.
3. Her daughters are all very tall with long blonde hair. They are gorgeous. They _____ wherever they go..
4. My son wanted a motorcycle, but I _____ out of buying one because it so too dangerous.
5. My daughter is an excellent flute player. I want her to _____ for the school band.
6. I was worried that the bad weather would ruin our picnic. But the rain that was forecast didn't appear and the picnic _____ well.

Discuss:

1. Talk about something that turned out better than you expected.
2. Have you ever fainted or passed out?
3. Talk about something that someone talked you out of.
4. What have you tried out for? Were you successful?