

Q & A Time

Work with a partner or in a small group, asking and answering questions.

1. Have you ever been in a car accident or had a fender-bender?
Yes, I have. I drove into a shopping cart at the supermarket.
2. Have you slammed on the brakes recently?
Yes, I have. A child's soccer ball went into the road when I was driving. I slammed on the brakes.
3. What should you do if you lose control of the car in the rain?
You should ease off the gas. You shouldn't hit the brakes.
4. What would you do if another car was tailgating you?
I would change lanes to let them pass or pull into a parking lot.
5. Why do you think people get road rage?
I think people get road rage because they have stress from work or family life.
6. When was the last time you drove in dangerous weather conditions?
I drove in the snow and I couldn't control my car very well. It was dangerous and scary.
7. Are you a defensive driver or an aggressive driver?
I'm a defensive driver.
8. What do you think should be the penalty for someone who causes a hit-and-run accident?
I think a person should get a large fine and lose their license for a hit-and-run accident.
9. What are distractions for drivers that cause car accidents?
Radios, cell phones, TVs, crying children, and talking to friends are some distractions for drivers.
10. Do you think there will be more or less traffic accidents in the future?
I think there will be more accidents because there will be more elderly drivers.

Question Puzzle

Read the answer and write the question.

1. *How long does your commute to work take?*
My commute to work takes about 20 minutes.
2. *How much was his speeding ticket?*
His speeding ticket was \$150.
3. *How fast were you driving?*
I was doing 50 in 30mph zone.
4. *What does "DUI" mean?*
It means "Driving while Under the Influence."
5. *How do you spell "rage"?*
It's R - A - G - E.
6. *How do you say "追突事故" in English?*
You say "rear end" in English.
7. *How are Kagawa's drivers?*
Kagawa's drivers are fast and aggressive drivers.
8. *Are you a safe driver?*
Yes, I am. I am a very safe driver.
9. *What is the legal BAC level in America?*
The legal BAC level in America is 0.08%.
10. *Why did he lose his license?*
He lost his license because he did a hit-and-run.

My Journal: Danger on the Road

New Words

road rage (n) - 運転手が車の運転中に割り込みや追い越しなどに腹を立てて、過激な報復行動を取ること

tailgate (v) - あおる

honk (v) - クラクションを鳴らす

slam on the brakes (v) - 急停車する

rear-end (v) - 追突事故

speed (v) - (自動車で)違反速度を出す

reckless driver (n) - 危険な運転をする人

drunk driver (n) - 酒酔い運転者

breathalyzer test (n) - 呼気検査

poor visibility (n) - 視界不良

total (v) - めちゃくちゃに破壊する

Question Time

1. What kind of car cut you off?
2. Have you ever got a speeding ticket?
3. What time was it when you encountered the road rage?
4. Do you honk or flash your lights at cars when you get angry?
5. Have you ever seen an accident caused by road rage?