

# My Journal: Danger on the Road

## New Words

road rage (n) tailgate (v) honk (v) slam on the brakes (v)  
rear-end (v) speed (v) reckless driver (n) drunk driver (n)  
breathalyzer test (n) poor visibility (n) total (v)

## Teacher's Journal

There are many things to be worried about when driving. Sometimes I see reckless drivers. Some people speed even when the weather is bad and visibility is poor. I think it's dangerous, but there are even worse driving habits.

I'm always worried about drunk drivers on the road at night. When people drink and drive they have slower reaction times. They are more likely to total their car or cause a deadly accident. Sometimes police pull drivers over and give them a breathalyzer test to check their blood alcohol concentration (BAC). If the driver's BAC is too high, they get a DUI, which is a hefty fine. Sometimes the driver must go to jail.

Recently, I had a scary encounter with road rage. There was a car behind me honking and tailgating me, so I changed lanes. After that, the driver sped up and cut me off. I slammed on the brakes. The car behind me almost rear-ended me. I try not to get angry when I drive, but sometimes it's difficult. Do you get angry when you drive? Let's all try to drive safer!

## Question Time

Please write 5 questions to ask about this journal.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

## 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?
2. Have you slammed on the brakes recently?
3. What should you do if you lose control of the car in the rain?
4. What would you do if another car was tailgating you?
5. Why do you think people get road rage?
6. When was the last time you drove in dangerous weather conditions?
7. Are you a defensive driver or an aggressive driver?
8. What do you think should be the penalty for someone who causes a hit-and-run accident?
9. What are distractions for drivers that cause car accidents?
10. Do you think there will be more or less traffic accidents in the future?

## Question Puzzle

Read the answer and write the question.

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
My commute to work takes about 20 minutes.
2. \_\_\_\_\_  
His speeding ticket was \$150.
3. \_\_\_\_\_  
I was doing 50 in 30mph zone.
4. \_\_\_\_\_  
It means "Driving while Under the Influence."
5. \_\_\_\_\_  
It's R - A - G - E.
6. \_\_\_\_\_  
You say "rear end" in English.
7. \_\_\_\_\_  
Kagawa's drivers are fast and aggressive drivers.
8. \_\_\_\_\_  
Yes, I am. I am a very safe driver.
9. \_\_\_\_\_  
The legal BAC level in America is 0.08%.
10. \_\_\_\_\_  
He lost his license because he did a hit-and-run.

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## Your Turn

Please talk about a driving experience you had.

## My Journal

Title:

Date:

## Question Time

Please write 5 questions to ask other students after you read.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_