

# Driving

## We'll learn about:

- Driving safely
- Key road rules
- How to get a driver's licence
- Registration, Insurance, Crashes
- Traffic offences
- Buying a car



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# Key Words

<b>Word</b>	<b>Meaning</b> <i>Example or a Sentence</i>	
<b>accelerate</b>	go faster <i>You need to accelerate to pass the car.</i>	
<b>guarantee</b>	promise that something will happen <i>I guarantee I will fix the oil leak tomorrow.</i>	
<b>hazard</b>	danger or risk <i>The water on the road was a hazard.</i>	
<b>insurance</b>	guarantee against loss or harm <i>I paid for my car insurance today.</i>	
<b>licence</b>	official permission <i>She gave the police officer her driver's licence.</i>	
<b>mechanic</b>	person with skills in fixing machinery <i>He saw a mechanic to get the engine fixed.</i>	
<b>provisional</b>	not full. Temporary <i>The licence was a provisional one.</i>	
<b>restraint</b>	keeps something under control <i>You must have a child restraint seat in the car.</i>	
<b>registered</b>	recorded on an official list <i>I need to pay to get my car registered.</i>	
<b>restriction</b>	limit, boundary <i>There's a restriction on what cars young people can drive.</i>	
<b>supervise</b>	keep a watch over, be in charge of, oversee, check. <i>I had to supervise my younger brother.</i>	
<b>valid</b>	Acceptable. Legally acceptable <i>You must have a valid driver's licence.</i>	
<b>vehicle</b>	means of transport, a car, truck or motorbike <i>A few vehicles stopped as it was flooded.</i>	
<b>warranty</b>	promise to fix or replace something <i>There's a 24 month warranty on this computer</i>	

# Key Words

awareness

licence

registered

insurance

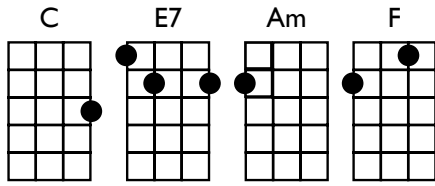
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# Drive Safely



Ukulele



**Listen closely to the song.**

What are the key messages?

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Learn to play it on ukulele.

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Check hand break, mirrors, check all \_\_\_\_\_ on

Check fuel level, turn ignition

In the right gear, foot on the clutch

\_\_\_\_\_ slowly, not too much

Eyes on the road, \_\_\_\_\_ all around

Follow the road signs wherever you're bound

Learning to drive safely

Instructor says "turn left here!" Look all around

See if our way's clear.

Indicator on, slow down. Turn steering wheel, left hand down,

In a lower gear foot off the clutch. Ease off slowly, just enough.

Learning to drive safely

Now I've got a brand new \_\_\_\_\_, a second hand car

It looks really cool, Oohh la la

Car's \_\_\_\_\_, insurance is paid

Going for a drive, my plans are laid

No speeding, no \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ too,

and I won't get picked up by the girls and boys in blue,

as I've learnt to drive safely

Know where we're going, where we've come from

Stay focussed, life's road is long.

Don't worry, don't hurry but don't go too slow

Watch the \_\_\_\_\_ to find when to give way or go,

And be \_\_\_\_\_ don't get bogged in road \_\_\_\_\_

as you're traveling across life's stage

please always drive safely

**drink driving**

**licence**

**signs**

**patient**

**registered**

**awareness**

**seatbelts**

**rage**

**accelerate**

# Learner Driver

Most people need to get a \_\_\_\_\_ Permit before they can get a driver's licence. They first have to pass a \_\_\_\_\_ test.

All drivers must have a \_\_\_\_\_ driver's \_\_\_\_\_.  
You can drive on a foreign driver's licence if you are a visitor. But if you are a permanent resident you can only use your overseas licence for 3 \_\_\_\_\_.

The Department of Transport can organize an \_\_\_\_\_ for the road rules. But you still must be able to understand \_\_\_\_\_ signs in English.

Driving without a driver's licence is a \_\_\_\_\_ offence.

traffic

serious

Learner's

months

interpreter

valid

road rules

licence

**ROLE PLAY a learner driver and instructor lesson. Then write the most important things about driving that the instructor should say to a learner.**

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# Road Rules



**What does this sign mean?**

- A. Danger—road bends sharply to the right.
- B. You must not turn right.
- C. Speed zone ends.
- D. No sharp right hand bends ahead.



**When a traffic light turns from green to yellow, you should:**

- A. speed up and try to get through the lights
- B. stop, even if you must stop on the intersection and then reverse back to the stop line
- C. stop, even if you are in the intersection
- D. stop if you can do so safely before reaching the stop line.

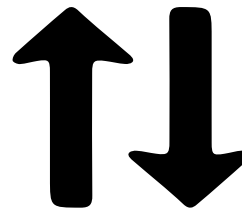
**What does this sign mean?**

- A. U-turns allowed.
- B. No right turn.
- C. Give way to vehicles on the roundabout.
- D. Turning area for heavy vehicles ahead—give way.



**What does this sign mean?**

- A. Vehicles travel in both directions on this road.
- B. No right or left turn.
- C. No parking.
- D. No U-turns allowed.



**Draw a STOP sign**

**Draw a GIVE WAY sign**

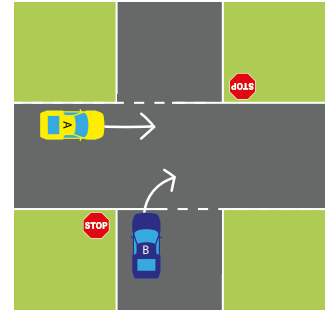
**What name are the shapes of the Stop and Give Way signs?**

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**Which car must give way?**

- A. Car A
- B. Car B



**Write a sentence giving reasons for your answer**

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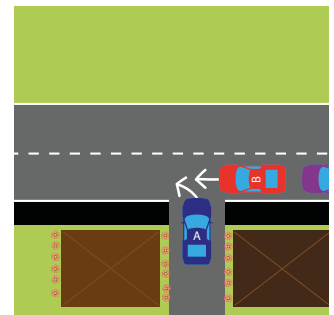
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**You are driving Vehicle A from private property.**

**You must give way to:**

- A. Vehicle B
- B. No one, the other vehicles must give way to you
- C. Both vehicles B and C



**Write a sentence giving reasons for your answer**

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**Can a car legally pass a cyclist?**

**If yes, how far away from the bike must a car be?**

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**Draw a car and the position of where the L or P plates should be.**

# Licences

driving logbook

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L plates

mobile

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written test

<b>(A) Learners licence</b>	<b>Restrictions on learners licence</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Be aged ____ or over</li> <li>2. Pass a _____</li> <li>3. Get a learners licence and keep it with you whenever you drive</li> <li>4. Complete a _____ which records supervised driving</li> <li>5. Have _____ on the car whenever you drive</li> </ol>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• no more than ____ demerit points in 12 months or loss of licence</li> <li>• drive with driver who has had open licence for at least a year</li> <li>• not talk on _____ phone while driving</li> <li>• no alcohol in your body when driving</li> </ul>

supervised driving

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driver's test

red P plates

alcohol

banned

<b>(B) Provisional licence P1</b>	<b>Restrictions on Provisional licence</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Be aged ____ or over</li> <li>2. Had learners licence for one year and completed 100 hours _____.</li> <li>3. Pass a _____</li> <li>4. Keep P1 licence with you whenever you drive</li> <li>5. Have _____ on your car when you drive</li> </ol>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• not talk hands free on mobile while driving (passengers also _____ from loudspeaker use)</li> <li>• no _____ when driving</li> <li>• no more than 4 demerit points in 12 months or loss of licence</li> <li>• if under 25 only one passenger under 21, excluding immediate family members between 11pm and 5am.</li> </ul>



Green

licence

hazard perception

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powered

alcohol

<b>(C) Provisional licence P2</b>	<b>Restrictions on P2 licence</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. P1 licence for one year</li> <li>2. Pass a _____ _____ test.</li> <li>3. _____ P plates on your car whenever you drive</li> <li>4. Keep P2 _____ with you whenever you drive</li> <li>5. P2 licence until old enough for open licence</li> </ol>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• if under _____, vehicle power restrictions</li> <li>• no _____ in your body</li> <li>• no more than 4 demerit points in 12 months or loss of licence</li> <li>• no high _____ vehicle for P1 and P2 (unless causes hardship)</li> </ul>

open licence

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Transport Authority

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<b>Open Licence</b>	<b>Restrictions for open licence</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. P2 licence held for 1 or 2 years depending on your age when P1 or P2 issued.</li> <li>2. Go to _____ _____ to apply for an _____.</li> <li>3. Renew Open licence when it expires</li> </ol>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• no more than _____ demerit points in _____ years or loss of licence</li> <li>• Blood Alcohol Content no more than 0.05</li> </ul>

# Registration, Insurance, Crashes

All vehicles must be \_\_\_\_\_ when driving on the roads.  
A vehicle is a means of transport, such as a car, truck or motorbike.

Vehicle registration is for 6 or 12 months. You must get it \_\_\_\_\_  
before it expires.

Advise the Transport Authority if you change \_\_\_\_\_ as they send  
reminders when your registration is about to \_\_\_\_\_.

When you pay your car registration this also pays for 'compulsory insurance'.  
This covers any physical \_\_\_\_\_ you cause someone if you have a crash.

There is other insurance you can choose to pay for. These are:

- Comprehensive insurance - covers damage to your vehicle and  
any \_\_\_\_\_ you cause to other vehicles.
- Third Party Property \_\_\_\_\_ - only covers the cost of damage to the  
\_\_\_\_\_ vehicle, not to your vehicle. This is cheaper than 'comprehensive'  
and you should at least buy this insurance.

If there is an \_\_\_\_\_, you must stop your vehicle and help  
any injured people. If someone is injured call emergency. Phone \_\_\_\_\_.

A driver must exchange name, address and vehicle \_\_\_\_\_ number.  
Take \_\_\_\_\_ of any damage.

The \_\_\_\_\_ must be called if a person is injured, or if there is  
alcohol or drugs involved, or if a driver doesn't give their details.

If you're involved in a traffic accident and police question you,  
then you must give them information about the driver and owner  
of the vehicle and about how the crash \_\_\_\_\_.

You may be in shock so be careful about saying the crash was your \_\_\_\_\_.

insurance

other

renewed

address

damage

injury

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registered

photos

fault

happened

accident

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police

registration

# Traffic Offences

court

whether

before

longer time

break

penalties

Legal

speeding

not

explain

registered

licence

dangerously

lose

pay

If you break traffic laws you will be fined and may \_\_\_\_\_ your licence

It's against the law to drive a car which is not \_\_\_\_\_ or drive without a valid driver's \_\_\_\_\_.

If you keep breaking the traffic laws and get caught the \_\_\_\_\_ get bigger.

An **'infringement notice'** is a ticket given to you 'on the spot' or through email or post. They are given for things like \_\_\_\_\_, not wearing seatbelts or not having a train or bus fare (called 'fare evasion').

The notice says you must pay a 'fine'. A fine is an amount of money you have to pay if you \_\_\_\_\_ the law.

An infringement notice usually gives you 28 days to choose \_\_\_\_\_ to:

- \_\_\_\_\_ the fine
- dispute the notice with the agency that sent the notice
- ask to have it heard in \_\_\_\_\_.

If you did the offence then you should pay the fine \_\_\_\_\_ it is due otherwise the fine will increase. If you cannot pay, contact the agency before the due date to see if you can pay it off over a \_\_\_\_\_.

For more serious offences or if you think you were wrongly charged you should get advice from \_\_\_\_\_ Aid or a Community Legal Centre.

If someone else was driving your car and speeding, and you get sent a notice about a fine, you should write to the department that sent the notice and tell them you were \_\_\_\_\_ the driver and fully \_\_\_\_\_ the situation.

**Research** - If you drive a vehicle dangerously you may go to prison. In Queensland the maximum penalty is 3 years, or 5 years if you are affected by drugs. If the dangerous driving causes serious injury or death, the penalty can be up to 14 years prison.

Research dangerous driving law in your state. In Queensland search section 328A Criminal Code Act 1899).

**What is it about? What are the penalties? Do you think they're fair or unfair? Why?**

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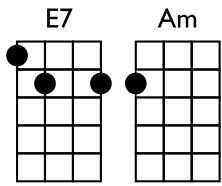
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# Car Cha Cha



Ukulele



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What are the key messages?

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When you buy a car cha cha cha. Beware the blah, blah, blah  
\_\_\_\_\_ don't panic, get an independent \_\_\_\_\_  
to check for \_\_\_\_\_ you may not see, until the end of the \_\_\_\_\_  
on the car cha cha cha. A cool car Ooo La La

When I buy my car cha cha cha. My cool car, Ooo La La.  
I'll check the property security register  
to make sure no money's \_\_\_\_\_ on the car,  
and won't let no wheeler dealer steal my hard- \_\_\_\_\_ cash,  
I'll buy \_\_\_\_\_ in case I have a crash  
in my car cha cha cha .Won't crash my car Ooo La La

Now I've got a car Ha Ha ha. I own a cool car Ooo La La.  
When I put my car in for \_\_\_\_\_ ,  
I'll get 2 quotes to make sure the \_\_\_\_\_ is fair,  
And tell them "Only do repairs I \_\_\_\_\_".  
I'll check their \_\_\_\_\_ carefully  
I'll be consumer- \_\_\_\_\_  
about my Car cha cha cha. My cool car Ooo la la

Mechanics must use \_\_\_\_\_ care and skill,  
So make sure all the work is done before you pay the \_\_\_\_\_  
Put complaints in writing  
to help \_\_\_\_\_ the fighting and  
if it's not sorted call a Community Legal Centre  
who give \_\_\_\_\_ advice for free,  
about your car Cha cha cha

**insurance**

**warranty**

**invoice**

**good**

**faults**

**authorise**

**mechanic**

**Shop around**

**resolve**

**price**

**owing**

**legal**

**repairs**

**earned**

**wise**

**bill**

# Buying a car

To buy a vehicle (car/motor bike) you need to \_\_\_\_\_ money carefully.

Do up a budget to make sure you spend money wisely. Be careful of taking on \_\_\_\_\_ debt.

The car dealer \_\_\_\_\_ give you some papers. These are: a copy of the signed \_\_\_\_\_; a \_\_\_\_\_ certificate; information about who owned the car before; and a notice about the warranty.

A warranty (or guarantee) is a promise from the seller or manufacturer that certain faults will be \_\_\_\_\_ for free during the warranty period.

A second-hand car warranty usually does not cover things like defects (faults) in tyres, lights, sound systems or damage you should have been \_\_\_\_\_ when you bought the car (eg paintwork).

If you have complaints about car dealers put them in writing to the dealer. If that doesn't sort it out then contact \_\_\_\_\_ or Consumer Affairs to get information about consumer help.

You could also get legal advice from a community legal centre. Do an internet search for Community Legal Centres at \_\_\_\_\_.

If you buy a car privately, not from a car dealer, then there are very few \_\_\_\_\_ or warranties.

## Hot Car! Hot Planet!

You've saved up some money and you're really excited about buying a car. You love cars that look and sound sporty - hot! You've seen one for sale online that looks really awesome! Your good friend tells you that hot cars make too much noise, use too much fuel and are bad for the planet, and that you should buy a tamer car at around the same price but which is less noisy and more fuel efficient... But you really want that hot car...

What would you do? What things would you weigh up? What decision would you make?

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Fair Trading

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safety

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must

# Rap a Snapshot

Rap, tap, drum, hum, sing out a tune. Write a rap message, get on to it soon as you can, form an 'air band' plan a play, show and say, give a way we all can recall, what we learnt today.

**Write / sketch your ideas?**

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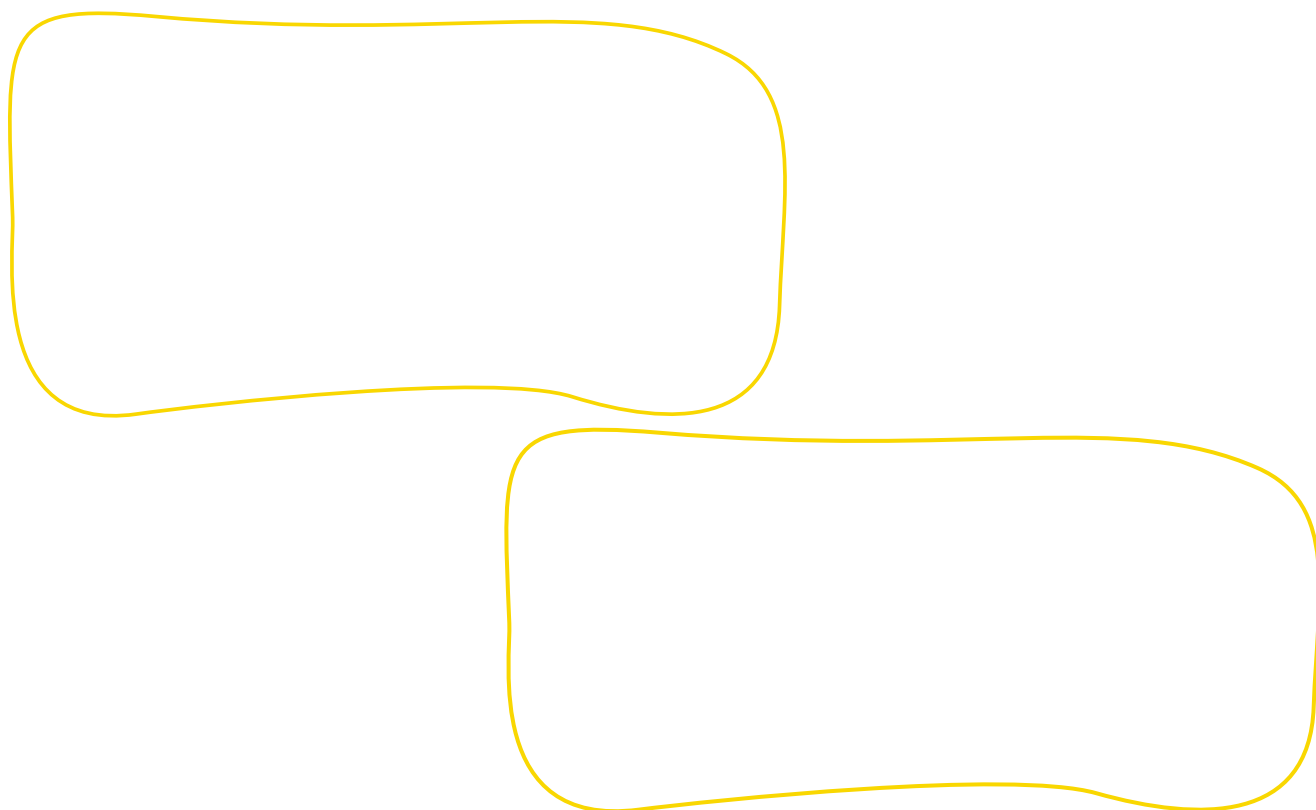
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Play with the key messages from the Module. Say them out loud, put a rhythm to the sentences, add beatbox, dance and rhyme sometime!