

# Lesson 95

## I hit a pothole.

**Target:** Having a conversation about driving problems.

### Vocabulary

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### Driving problems



### Related vocabulary

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| - to <b>get a flat tire</b>                     | - to <b>turn on</b> one's <b>hazard lights</b> | - to <b>run out of gas</b> |
| - <b>the highway patrol</b>                     | - a <b>parking lot / spot / meter</b>          | - to <b>run on fumes</b>   |
| - <b>limited visibility</b>                     | - to be <b>bumper-to-bumper</b>                | - to <b>brake heavily</b>  |
| - <b>oncoming traffic</b>                       | - to <b>obey / follow the road rules</b>       | - to <b>pull... over</b>   |
| - to <b>get stuck in traffic</b>                | - to <b>break the speed limit</b>              | - a <b>flat tire</b>       |
| - a <b>fender bender</b>                        | - to <b>commit a traffic offense</b>           | - a <b>pothole</b>         |
| - to <b>narrowly avoid a potential accident</b> | - <b>congestion / to be congested</b>          | - a <b>jack</b>            |

### Conversation

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**1** Use the questions below to have a conversation with your partner about the topic

#### Partner #1: Questions

1. What's the traffic like in your city?
2. Have you ever been pulled over by the police?
3. Have you ever been booked for speeding?
4. When was the last time you got stuck in traffic?
5. Do you always follow the road rules?
6. When was the last time limited visibility was a problem for you while driving?
7. Have you ever gotten into trouble with the highway patrol?
8. Do any of the roads near you have lots of potholes?
9. Where do you keep the jack in your car?
10. Have you ever seen a truck jackknife / overturn?

#### Partner #2: Questions

1. What should you do when you get a flat tire?
2. When should you turn your hazard lights on?
3. Have you ever narrowly avoided a potential accident?
4. What should you do when you run out of gas?
5. What can happen if you don't obey the road rules?
6. Have you ever seen someone swerve into oncoming traffic?
7. When was the last time you had to brake heavily?
8. Have you ever been involved in a fender bender?
9. Where is the traffic usually bumper-to-bumper?
10. Do you enjoy driving in the rain?

**2** Complete one or more of the situations below

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| <b>1. Role play:</b> | Partner #1: You are a really unlucky driver. You have had numerous problems recently.<br>Partner #2: Ask your partner about their problems and give them some advice. |
| <b>2. Speech:</b>    | Describe a potential accident that you narrowly avoided having.   |
| <b>3. Speech:</b>    | The driving conditions in your city are terrible. Explain why.  |
| <b>4. Debate:</b>    | You think it's OK to sometimes break the road rules, but your partner doesn't agree.  |