

Lesson 98

He got a DUI.

Target: Having a conversation about drunk driving.

Vocabulary

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Drunk driving



Related vocabulary

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| - to get a DUI | - to pull... over | - to become an epidemic |
| - to get a DWI | - a penalty | - a fatal crash |
| - BAC (blood alcohol content) | - to deter someone from.... | - to be preventable |
| - to drive under the influence | - an open container | - in excess of... |
| - a designated driver | - a sobriety checkpoint | - to drive recklessly |
| - to blow into a breathalyzer | - alcohol-related... | - to weave in and out of traffic |
| - to take a back street | - zero tolerance | - a lengthy prison sentence |

Conversation

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

Partner #1: Questions

1. How are different nations combating drunk driving?
2. Think of a good slogan for an anti-drunk driving campaign.
3. What are some of the worst case scenarios of drunk driving?
4. In what way does alcohol affect your ability to drive?
5. How can you tell if someone is drunk driving?
6. What alternatives are there to drunk driving?
7. How do you think we can solve the drunk driving problem?
8. How can drunk driving affect the people around you?
9. How would you stop one of your friends from drunk driving?
10. Do you think it's true that if you drive quicker it's less likely you'll get caught?

Partner #2: Questions

1. When are there the largest amount of alcohol-related fatalities on the road?
2. Do you think that you are less likely to get caught if you take the back streets while drunk driving?
3. What are the different legal levels of blood alcohol content for different licences / countries?
4. What happens if you are caught driving while your BAC is in excess of the legal limit?
5. What are some ways designated drivers are rewarded / encouraged?
6. Do you think there should be zero tolerance for alcohol-related driving accidents?
7. Do you think that alcohol-related deaths on the road are completely preventable?
8. How do the police determine that you have been drunk driving?
9. Where and when do you think there should be more or less sobriety checkpoints on the roads?
10. Do you think drunk driving laws should only apply to people who are driving cars? e.g. trains / bikes

2 Complete one or more of the situations below

1. **Role play:** Partner #1: You are a police officer and you have just pulled someone over for drunk driving.
Partner #2: You have been drinking, but you think you're fine to drive.
2. **Speech:** Tell a story about a man who was caught drunk driving by the police.
3. **Speech:** Go to a college and educate a group of students on the dangers of drunk driving.
4. **Debate:** You think that drunk driving laws are too lenient, but your partner does not agree.