

UNIT 22. LESSON 36

ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENT

Get ready!

Before you begin the lesson, talk about these questions.

1. What are some common causes of car accidents?
2. What must police do when responding to an accident?

VOCABULARY

Task 1. Listen to new words and phrases and translate them into your language. Then, copy out them into your notebooks.

accident - an unfortunate incident that happens unexpectedly and unintentionally

brake - make a moving vehicle slow down or stop by using a brake

crash - a violent collision, typically of one vehicle with another or with an object

skid - (of a vehicle) slide, typically sideways or obliquely, on slippery ground or as a result of stopping or turning too quickly

intersection - a point at which two or more things intersect, especially a road junction

pulled out - When a vehicle or driver pulls out, the vehicle moves out into the road or nearer the centre of the road.

came off - to go aside of the road

interstate - one of a system of motorways running between US states

margin - the edge or border of something

conscious - aware of and responding to one's surroundings

breath - the air taken into or expelled from the lungs

bleed - lose blood from the body as a result of injury or illness

injure - suffer physical harm or damage to (a part of one's body)

survive - continue to live or exist in spite of (an accident or ordeal)

tow truck - a motor vehicle which is used to pull broken or damaged vehicles

convertible - a car with a folding or detachable roof

minor - lesser in importance, seriousness, or significance

treatment - medical care given to a patient for an illness or injury

coach - a comfortably equipped single-decker bus used for longer journeys

touring - an organized trip that people go on to several different places

Task 2. Complete the sentences. Use the correct form of words from the table.

Verb	Noun	Adjective
to injure	an injury	injured - e.g. <i>Her legs are injured.</i>
to bleed (past bled)	blood	bloody - e.g. <i>a bloody cut</i>
to cut (past cut)	a cut	
to breathe	a breath	
to break (past broke)	a break	broken - e.g. <i>a broken leg / bone</i>
to lose (past lost) consciousness	consciousness	(un)conscious - e.g. <i>The driver is unconscious.</i>

1. The driver of the vehicle had serious and was taken to hospital.
2. He hit his head on the windscreen and lost
3. He's badly injured. He is still, but he might not survive.
4. Can you into this bag, please, sir?
5. She cut her hand and it a lot.
6. He fell and two bones in his leg.

Task 3. Look at the pictures. Complete the descriptions of the accidents. Use the verbs below in the past simple or past continuous tense.



not see collide overtake



have to crash drive

1. The driver _____ the car in front of him and he _____ the vehicle coming in the opposite direction. The two cars _____.
2. He _____ slowly but he was too close to the vehicle in front of him. This vehicle _____ brake suddenly so he _____ into the back of it.



crash talk not watch



brake skid drive

3. She _____ on her mobile phone so she _____ the road at the intersection. She pulled out in front of another car. The second vehicle _____ into her.

4. It was raining and he _____ much too fast. He _____ suddenly and his vehicle _____ and came off the motorway.

Before you listen to the passage, talk about these questions.

1. What are the main reason of traffic accidents in your country?
2. What time of the day car accidents usually happen in your city? Why?

Listening

Task 4. Listen to two accident reports. Complete the table. Which accidents from task 1 are they describing?

	Report 1	Report 2
Time of accident	18.35	19.40
Place of accident	Exit (1) _____ of Highway (2) _____ north to Daytona.	Ocala interstate (8) _____ km south of the service station.
Injures	(3) _____ injuries	Driver 1: not stated Driver 2: (9) _____
Number of vehicles involved	(4) _____	(10) _____
Number of witnesses	(5) _____	(11) _____
Description of vehicle(s)	(6) _____	(12) _____ _____ _____
Registration number(s)	(7) _____	(13) _____ _____ _____

Task 4. Check the meaning of the words in the margin. Listen to what happens when the police arrive at the scene of the second accident. Then choose the correct answer.

1. There are *two men / a man and a woman* in the car.
2. Marco has *a leg injury / a head injury*.
3. The second person in the car is *conscious / unconscious*.
4. The policeman first asks if the second person in the car is *breathing / bleeding*.
5. Then the policeman asks if the person *bleeding / breathing*.
6. The second person in the car has *a head injury / no injuries*.

Task 5. Listen again and complete the conversation. Use these words.

hurt bleeding hurts blood broken unconscious breathing x2

Woman:	Is ambulance coming? There are two people kept in the car over there. They can't get out of it.
Officer:	Ok. I'm coming. Can you start dealing with witnesses and CLO. Can you hear me?
Marco:	Yes, I can hear you. Please help me.
Officer:	What's your name?
Marco:	Marco.
Officer:	Ok, Marco. The ambulance is on it's way and we will be here very soon.
Officer:	Are you injured? Does anything (1)_____?
Marco:	My leg (2)_____. I can't move it. I think it's (3)_____.
Officer:	Don't move, Marco. It's very important to keep still. The ambulance is on its way. Don't worry we'll get you out of there soon. Is there another person with you?
Marco:	There is my friend - she's (4)_____.
Officer:	Is she (5)_____ normally? Can you see?
Marco:	Yes, I think she is (6)_____. But there is a lot of (7)_____.
Officer:	Is she still (8)_____, Marco? Where's the blood coming from?
Marco:	She's bleeding from a cut on her head.
Officer:	If I pass you something Marco, can you put it on the cut on her head? We need to try to stop the bleeding.

Now practice the dialogue with a partner.

SPEAKING

Task 7. Work in pairs. Student A turn to File 1. Student B turn to File 2. Ask each other questions to complete the accident file.

File 1.

1. Student B will ask you questions about this accident. Use complete sentences in your answer.

Time of accident	07.40
Place of accident	Exit of the gas station just before 16 of Highway 21
Injuries	BMW driver unconscious bleeding heavily / head injury passenger - broken arm

Damage to vehicles	BMW badly damaged - need tow truck truck - blocking exit
Witnesses	Gas station owner Jon Santos Tel 09 87 45 645
Details of vehicles	1 Truck Dark blue - Leyland Daf LF 45-150 - registration 799 HFR 2 BMW M3 convertible-red registration 567 MNV

2. Ask Student B for information about an accident and complete the accident report below.

TIME OF ACCIDENT:
WHERE THE ACCIDENT HAPPENED:
INJURIES:
AMBULANCE / TOW TRUCK NEEDED:
DESCRIPTION OF ACCIDENT:
DETAIL OF VEHICLES:
WITNESS DETAILS:
WITNESS CONTACT:

File 2.

Student B

1. Ask Student A for information about an accident and complete the accident report below.

TIME OF ACCIDENT:
WHERE THE ACCIDENT HAPPENED:
INJURIES:
AMBULANCE / TOW TRUCK NEEDED:
DESCRIPTION OF ACCIDENT:
DETAIL OF VEHICLES:
WITNESS DETAILS:
WITNESS CONTACT:

2. Student A will ask you questions about this accident. Use complete sentences in your answer.

Report 2	
Time of accident	19.40
Place of accident	Interstate 12 Eastbound - just after first intersection
Injuries	Many passengers (23 tourists) with minor injuries treatment for shock Driver - broken leg
Damage to vehicles	Some damage - broken windscreen glass on road
Witnesses	1 witness Lilian Vruc Tel 08897 456 433
Details of vehicles	1 coach - silver grey touring coach – 40 seats registered in Spain 0881 VTS