

# 21 Travel and tourism

## 1 Accidents and near misses

Complete the sentences with these words.

clipped	dodge	skidding	windscreen
crashing	opened	straight	
cut	ran out	swerve	

1. He went ..... through a red light.
2. He went ..... into the back of us.
3. He just suddenly ..... right in front of me.
4. I had to ..... to avoid him.
5. A dog ..... in front of me.
6. He ..... my wing mirror as he went past.
7. She went straight through the ..... !
8. We somehow managed to ..... the oncoming traffic.
9. He ..... his door on me just as I was passing.
10. We went ..... off the road.

### Language note

We use *go* and *come* with several verbs connected to movement. Your flatmates might *come barging into your room*. Your little sister might *come waltzing in* three hours after she said she'd be home. When you're playing football, someone could *come charging in* with a hard tackle. An angry mob or a gang of football hooligans might *go rampaging through the streets*.

## 2 Car collocations

Match the verbs with the words they go with.

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| 1. honk           | <input type="checkbox"/> | a. my windscreen      |
| 2. put on         | <input type="checkbox"/> | b. his number         |
| 3. grip           | <input type="checkbox"/> | c. my wing mirror     |
| 4. shatter        | <input type="checkbox"/> | d. the brakes         |
| 5. dip            | <input type="checkbox"/> | e. your seatbelt      |
| 6. glance in      | <input type="checkbox"/> | f. the gas            |
| 7. slam on        | <input type="checkbox"/> | g. your horn          |
| 8. put my foot on | <input type="checkbox"/> | h. the boot           |
| 9. open           | <input type="checkbox"/> | i. the steering wheel |
| 10. get           | <input type="checkbox"/> | j. my headlights      |

## 3 Animal idioms

Choose the correct word.

1. Are you sure his house is this way? This is starting to feel like a *wild goose / duck* chase!
2. It used to be a really nice area, but it's gone to the *wolves / dogs* a bit in recent years.
3. A: How did you hear? It was a secret.  
B: Oh, a little *cat / bird* told me.
4. I'd been having problems there for a while, so when they told me I'd have to work weekends – well, that was the straw that broke the *camel's / donkey's* back.
5. A: Who told you about the planned redundancies?  
B: Trust me. I got it straight from the *parrot's / horse's* mouth. I had a drink with the boss yesterday and he told me then.
6. I haven't seen Michael in *dog's / donkey's* years.
7. What's up with you? You're not normally this quiet. *Dog / Cat* got your tongue, has it?
8. I know I should probably just let sleeping *bears / dogs* lie, but I just want him to explain why he fired me.

## 4 Wouldn't

Complete the sentences with these verbs.

accept	budge	heal	listen
believe	download	leave	

1. I swore blind I'd had nothing to do with it, but he just wouldn't ..... me!
2. I tried to say sorry, but he wouldn't ..... my apology!
3. He was so stubborn. Once he'd made up his mind about something, he wouldn't even ..... to other points of view.
4. He kept hassling me. He just wouldn't ..... me alone.
5. I kept clicking on the icon, but it wouldn't .....
6. The wound just wouldn't ..... It was horrible! It ended up going completely septic.
7. I tried to move it, but it just wouldn't .....



## 5 Key word: *blind*

Find 10 expressions and collocations with *blind*. Mark the end of each expression using /. Translate them into your own language.

the blind leading the blind blind obedience blindingly obvious  
my blind spots wears blind blindness with science turn a blind eye  
to it do it blind fold blind drunk in blind panic

Complete these sentences with the expressions.

- He ..... he sent me the letter. But I'm telling you, I never received it.
- I didn't see him overtaking me because he was .....
- I think he could've explained things in a simpler way. He was just trying to .....
- I shouldn't really have pressed the alarm. I just did it .....
- Our boss doesn't know what he's doing and neither do we. It's just .....
- When he explained his plan, it just seemed so ..... I couldn't understand why we hadn't done it before.
- I'm so used to driving along this route I could probably .....
- He turned up ..... It was awful. We had to ask him to leave.
- I think the soldiers should've gone against their general's command to shoot civilians instead of following orders in .....
- People constantly exceed the speed limit, but the authorities just .....

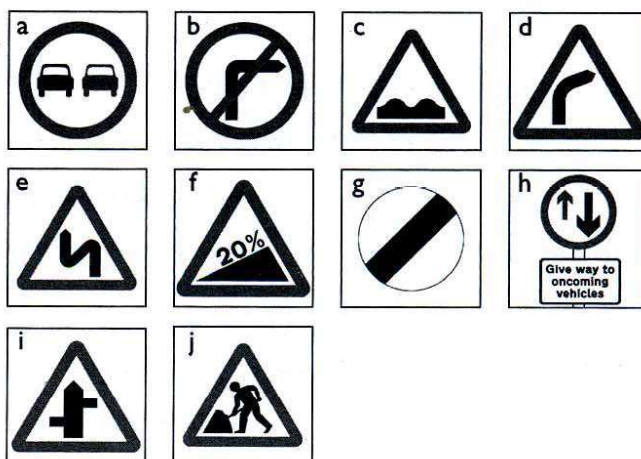
## 6 Word building: *out of*

Complete the sentences with the noun form of the adjective in brackets.

- He said it out of pure ..... (ignorant)
- They smashed up the place out of sheer ..... (bored)
- He was shouting out of ..... (frustrated)
- I took the job out of ..... (desperate)
- He paid for it out of ..... for my help. (grateful)
- Can I ask you something just out of ..... ? (curious)
- She lied out of some weird sense of ..... to him. (loyal)

## 7 Road signs

Look at the signs. Match the signs with the sentences.



- I can't believe I got a ticket. I didn't think I was exceeding the speed limit. I thought it was 70 on roads like that. ☐
- Look, that's probably the turning we want coming up. ☐
- All these hairpin bends are making me feel a bit sick. ☐
- Hey, you do realise you weren't supposed to overtake there. ☐
- You do realise it was his right of way – which might have something to do with why he made that gesture at you! ☐
- They were drilling in the road all morning. I think they were replacing a burst water main or something. ☐
- You'd better slow down. There's a sharp bend ahead just before you come into the village. ☐
- Oh no! You can't turn right here. We're going to have to go the long way round. ☐
- Is there no other way? I don't think the car will make it up the hill. ☐
- They should do something about this road – it's so full of bumps and potholes. ☐

Cover the sentences above and complete the collocations.

- ..... the ..... limit
- the turning's .....
- a ..... bend
- it's ..... way
- replace a ..... water .....
- go ..... way .....