Driving in the UK – Documents (2)

Do you drive a car? □ Yes □ No

Do you own a car? □ Yes □ No

If you drive or own a car these worksheets will help you to learn about documents you need to drive in the U.K.

You will learn some useful words to do with driving and you will be able to practise reading and writing about driving using the past simple.

If you have a driving licence from another country you can usually use it to drive in the U.K. for 12 months. For more information look at this website:

http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/Motoring/DriverLicensing/DrivingInGbOnAForeignLicence/DG_4022561
Read this information about driving in the U.K.

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When you own a car in the U.K. every year you must:

• pay for road tax and display a tax disc in your car

• get an M.O.T test and have an MOT certificate (If your car is 3 years or older).

Every year you must pay tax to drive your car on the road. You must put a tax disc in the window of your car to show that you have paid this tax. The government uses the money from road tax to build and repair the roads.

When a car is 3 years old it must have its first MOT test. The car must then have an MOT test every year. This test checks that the car is safe to drive and that it doesn’t damage the environment.
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Draw a line to match the words to the meaning.

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- to mend something and make it like new again

**a provisional driving licence**
- marks, scratches or dents on a car caused by an accident

**to repair**
- a test on your car to check it is safe and won’t damage the environment

**a full driving licence**
- money you pay to the government to drive on the roads in the U.K.

**road tax**
- the document you need when you start learning to drive

**a tax disc**
- a small paper document you put in the car windscreen to show you have paid road tax

**an MOT test**
- you have this so that if you have an accident the company will pay for any damage

**car insurance**
- a document which shows you have passed your driving test
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Activity Three

Are these sentences true T or false F?

(Write T or F next to the sentences.)

When you drive a car in the U.K. you must have a driving licence and insurance. ___T___

A full driving licence shows that you are learning to drive ____

You can drive a car on your own if you have a provisional licence. ____

You must make sure you are insured to drive a car. ____

If you own a car you must pay road tax to drive it on the roads in the U.K. ____

You must put a tax disc on the windscreen of your car. ____

When your car is 5 years old you must get an MOT test. ____

You must get an MOT test every 3 years. ____

The MOT test checks that the car is safe to drive. ____

The MOT test checks that the car won’t damage the environment. ____

If you need more information about driving in the U.K. you can go to this website:
Activity Four

Can you find 5 mistakes in this text?

Underline the parts that are wrong.

Last week Hamid bought his first new car. The car was 2 years old so he took it to the garage to get an MOT. The MOT checked that the car was dangerous to drive and that it will damage the environment. He bought a tax disc and put it on the mirror of his car. Hamid looked on the internet and bought some car insurance. Now if he has an accident the insurance company won’t pay for any damage.

Can you write out the text with no mistakes?

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Activity Five: Talking about the past

Example: Hamid passed his driving test last year.

*Passed* is a regular verb. Write these regular verbs in the past simple.

- **walk**
  - walked
- **pass**
  - _____
- **turn**
  - _____
- **live**
  - _____
- **fail**
  - _____
- **visit**
  - _____
- **look**
  - _____
- **receive**
  - _____

For regular verbs we add *ed* to form the past simple.

For regular verbs ending in *e* we only add *d*

Did you follow this rule? Check your answers to see if they were correct.

Many verbs are irregular and we have to *learn* the past simple form. Write the past simple form of these irregular verbs.

Example: Hamid *took* his car to the garage.

- **have**
  - had
- **drive**
  - _____
  - *is* _____
- **send**
  - _____
  - *are* _____
- **go**
  - _____
Read this negative sentence.

Last year Hamid didn’t have a car.

Write the past simple negative form of these verbs.

walk  didn’t walk
look  ____________
go  ____________
drive ____________

To make the negative form of the past simple you must use didn’t + infinitive form of the verb.

Did you follow this rule? Check your answers.
Activity Six

Read this story.

Fill the gaps with the past simple form of these verbs. Be careful! Sometimes you will need the negative form.

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I _________ my first driving test because I _________ in the mirror. I failed the second test because I _________ right instead of left.

The first time I _________ the car by myself I _________ very far. Yesterday I _________ to Bristol and _________ my Gran. I went on the motorway but I _________ too fast.
Answers

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Negative verbs.

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