

Worksheet 1

felt sick details something thought
book her for speeding wearing chance
Shaken off fine high-beam swung across
young tearaway dared remembered shook her fist warning still turned
took her foot off the gas taken place aloud months allow crash shouting
the car up to ninety car pushed
black van in a flood length
accelerated away look came rushing back second
murder infinitely better a hundred and ten
swerved path
pointing menacingly Olympic runner remain road
blasted her horn middle lane
black leather jacket driver
terror Oh my God rival onto hope determined
van remained draw level police break clear



Worksheet 2

Four Warned

Diana took the car up to ninety, but the van wouldn't be shaken off. She pushed her foot further down on the accelerator and touched a hundred, but it still remained less than a car's length behind.

She flicked her headlights onto high-beam, turned on her hazard lights and blasted her horn at anyone who dared to remain in her path. She could only hope that the police might see her, wave her onto the hard shoulder and book her for speeding. A fine would be infinitely better than a crash with a young tearaway, she thought, as the Audi estate passed a hundred and ten for the first time in its life. But the black van couldn't be shaken off.

Without warning, she swerved back into the middle lane and took her foot off the gas, causing the van to draw level with her, which gave her a chance to look at the driver for the first time. He was wearing a black leather jacket and pointing menacingly at her. She shook her fist at him and accelerated away, but he simply swung across behind her like an Olympic runner determined not to allow his rival to break clear.

And then she remembered something, and felt sick for a second time that night. 'Oh my God,' she shouted aloud in terror. In a flood, the details of the murder that had taken place on the same road a few months before came rushing back to her.

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Worksheet 3

Vocabulary - Look at the sentences from the story 'Four Warned'.

Find sentences which mean the same:

1. 'Diana pushed her foot further down on the accelerator and touched a hundred.'
 - a) Diana drove faster and reached a speed of one hundred miles an hour.
 - b) Diana's car had travelled one hundred miles.

2. 'She flicked her headlights onto high-beam.'
 - a) She carefully switched her headlights onto their brightest setting.
 - b) She very quickly switched her headlights onto their brightest setting.

3. 'Diana blasted her horn.'
 - a) Diana made a very loud continuous noise with the horn of her car.
 - b) Diana blew up anyone who got in her way.

4. 'She swerved back into the middle lane.'
 - a) She suddenly changed direction and came back into the central lane in the road.
 - b) She slowed down quickly and moved into the middle lane.

5. 'Diana took her foot off the gas.'
 - a) Diana stopped putting petrol in her car.
 - b) Diana stopped pressing the accelerator pedal and slowed down.

6. 'She accelerated away.'
 - a) Diana drove steadily to get away from the van.
 - b) Diana sped up to get away from the van.

7. '(The van) swung across behind her.'
 - a) The van moved sideways to follow her.
 - b) The van bumped into the back of her.

8. 'The details of the murder came rushing back to her.'
 - a) She suddenly remembered all the details of the murder.
 - b) She ran quickly to get away from the murderer.



Worksheet 4

Understanding the text.

Read these sentences about Four warned. Decide if they are true, false or if there is no information. Circle the best answer.

1. Diana was driving her car and couldn't stop a man in a van from chasing her.
 True False No information

2. Diana wanted the other drivers to see her.
 True False No information

3. Diana was driving fast because she liked driving dangerously.
 True False No information

4. Diana's car was very old.
 True False No information

5. This was the first time that Diana had driven her car so fast.
 True False No information

6. The van driver was an Olympic runner.
 True False No information

7. Diana thought the driver wanted to do something bad to her.
 True False No information

8. Diana was scared when she remembered that someone had died on that same road.
 True False No information

Worksheet 5

Grammar review - Past simple

Examples

1. She pushed her foot down on the accelerator. (regular verb – to push)
2. She took the car up to ninety. (irregular verb – to take)
3. She didn't escape from the man in the van. (negative form – to escape)

Fill the gaps with the past simple (irregular) verbs in the box.

 hold meet think go win write make understand take
 hear cost pay leave speak drive know wear build

1. He _____ out his wallet and _____ the bill.
2. When she _____ to the interview, she _____ her best outfit.
3. They _____ the motorway and _____ for an hour on quiet country roads.
4. I _____ I _____ this lesson but now I'm not so sure.
5. As soon as I _____ her, I _____ she was the woman I was going to marry.
6. He _____ fourteen novels, but not one of them _____ a prize.
7. They _____ their own house, so it _____ them much less.
8. When I _____ you were coming, I _____ a cake.
9. The nurse _____ the patient's hand and _____ softly to him.

Worksheet 6

Summary

Complete the summary of *Four Warned* by filling the gaps with the past simple form of the verbs in the box.

flick	swerve	touch	blast	swing	come	accelerate
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Diana drove faster and _____ a hundred miles an hour, but the van was still very close behind. She _____ her lights onto high beam and _____ her horn loudly to tell other drivers to get out of the way. She hoped the police would see her so the car chase could stop. She _____ back into the middle lane, slowed down and looked at the van driver who was chasing her. He pointed his finger at her in a threatening way. Diana shook her fist at him and _____ away. The van driver was determined not to let her escape and he _____ across behind her. Suddenly she had a terrible thought. She remembered that a murder had taken place on the road a few months ago. The details _____ rushing back to her.

