AMERICAN LANGUAGE COURSE



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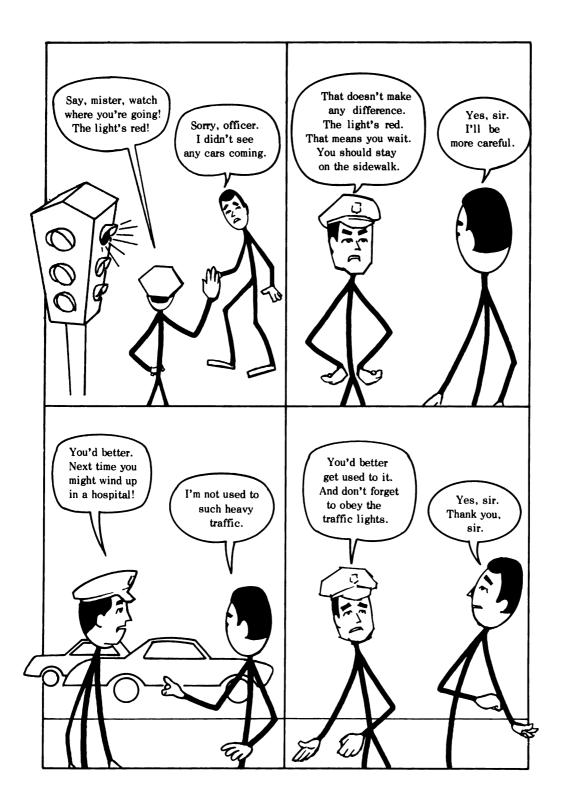
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TRAFFIC SIGNALS



UNIT 1308

CONVERSATION AND READING PRACTICES

Dialog

Traffic Signals

- A: Say, mister, watch where you're going! The light's red!
- B: Sorry, officer.
 I didn't see any cars coming.
- A: That doesn't make any difference. The light's red.
 That means you wait. You should stay on the sidewalk.
- B: Yes, sir.
 I'll be more careful.
- A: You'd better.

 Next time you might wind up in a hospital!
- B: I'm not used to such heavy traffic.
- A: You'd better get used to it.

 And don't forget to obey the traffic lights.
- B: Yes, sir.
 Thank you, sir.

Vocabulary

difference mister
heavy obey
heavy (traffic) sidewalk
hospital wind up (v)
mean (v)

Vocabulary Practice

1. difference

The difference between two and four is two.

I may go or I may not. It doesn't make any difference to me.

Does it make any difference to you where I go?

2. heavy

Most metals are heavy, but a few are light. The box was too heavy to pick up. His suitcase is very heavy.

3. heavy (traffic)

This is a busy street. The traffic is heavy.

The reason they were late was the heavy traffic.

Traffic is usually heavy in the morning and in the evening.

4. hospital

When we are sick we go to the hospital. How long were you in the hospital? After the accident he went to the hospital.

5. mean (v)

What does this word mean? When I tell you to study, I mean it. He always means what he says.

6. mister (Mr.)

Mister, where are you going? You can't do that, mister! Mr. Brown is a friend of mine.

7. obey

We should obey all laws.
I do what my instructor says. I obey him.
Do you obey all traffic signs?

8. sidewalk

You should never drive on the sidewalk.

People should walk on the sidewalk.

You should always walk on the sidewalk; it is dangerous to walk in the street.

9. wind up (v)

You'll wind up in the hospital if you aren't careful. Where did you wind up last Saturday?

Dialog Drill

Answer questions about the dialog.

- 1. What color is the light?
- 2. Did he see any cars coming?
- 3. What does the red light mean?
- 4. Will he be more careful?
- 5. What might happen if he is not careful?
- 6. Is he used to such heavy traffic?
- 7. What did the policeman tell the man?

Reading

There is a lot of traffic in cities in the United States. There are many cars on the streets. Most cities have very strict traffic laws. There are traffic lights or stop signs on most streets with heavy traffic. Cars, buses, and streetcars must obey the traffic lights. The people who walk must obey the traffic lights. It is very dangerous to walk against the red light. Accidents hurt many people because they do not obey the traffic laws.

We also regulate parking in most cities. We don't park cars in certain places. We must not park them in places marked "NO PARKING." Traffic is a problem of city life. It is very complicated. It is important for everyone to obey the traffic laws.

Vocabulary

against because complicate complicated dangerous life hurt law regulate stop sign strict

Vocabulary Practice

against

We shouldn't do things against the law. Did you do anything against him? If you are for me, you are not against me.

2. because

I study because I want to learn. He had an accident because he drove too fast. Did you write the letter because you had to?

complicate/complicated

So many traffic laws complicate driving in the city.

Many problems in mathematics are complicated.

Simple stories are easy to read; complicated ones are difficult.

4. dangerous

Driving fast is dangerous; you may have an accident. It is dangerous to walk across the street against the light. This is a dangerous road; you should drive carefully.

life

He lost his life in the traffic accident. I find life here very interesting. Do you expect to live a long life?

6. hurt

They were hurt in the accident.

Were you hurt in the accident last week?

No, I wasn't hurt. I didn't have an accident.



7. law

We make laws to help the people. You should always obey the laws. Do you know all the traffic laws?

8. regulate

The traffic lights regulate traffic.
We use laws to regulate our lives.
How do they regulate traffic in your hometown?

stop signs

We often see stop signs on important roads. You should always stop for stop signs. He went through a stop sign and had an accident.

10. strict

Traffic laws must be strict to protect us.

My instructor is strict; I must do everything he says.

Are the police in this city strict?

Word Drill

cars
 many cars
 city
 city streets
 on city streets
 There are many cars on city streets.

2. traffic

traffic lights traffic laws Most cities have traffic lights and traffic laws.

3. stop

stop signs stop lights We must obey stop signs and stop lights.

4. against

go against dangerous it is dangerous It's dangerous to go against the traffic lights.

5. red

red lights
stop
stop lights
The red lights are stop lights.

6. walk

who walk
the people who walk
The people who walk must obey the traffic lights.

- 7. life
 city life
 complicated
 very complicated
 City life is very complicated.
- 8. hurt
 are hurt
 many people are hurt
 Many people are hurt in traffic accidents.
- cars
 cannot be parked
 in certain places
 Cars cannot be parked in certain places.
- 10. problem
 a problem
 a problem of modern city life
 Traffic is a problem of modern city life everywhere.

Repeat the reading again.

Answer the following questions.

- 1. Are there many, or a few cars on the streets?
- 2. Do many cities, or a few cities have strict traffic laws?
- 3. Are people hurt because they obey the traffic laws, or because they do not obey them?
- 4. Can cars be parked everywhere, or just in special places?
- 5. Is it important to obey the laws, or to forget them?

EXPLANATION AND DRILL OF STRUCTURES

1. Adjectives and Adverbs

INSTRUCTOR'S NOTE: Adjectives modify nouns. They tell how many, what kind, or which one. They generally occur before the noun they modify or after certain verbs (Unit 1301).

Adverbs modify verbs, adjectives, and other adverbs. They answer the questions how, when, where, under what conditions, or in what manner. Adverbs that modify verbs generally come after the verb.

We form many adverbs by adding -ly to the adjective form.

slow - slowly

quick - quickly

Some adjectives ending in -y change the -y to i before you add the -ly.

easy - easily

busy - busily

Many adverbs have no corresponding adjective form.

ever - never

Some words may be used both as adjectives or as adverbs.

hard - This is a hard lesson.

late - He ate a <u>late</u> supper. He came in late.

He works hard.

2. Adjectives and the Formation of Adverbs

Adjective quick

He is quick.

He seems quick.

He looks quick.

Adjective happy

She is happy

She seems happy.

She looks happy.

She feels happy.

Adjective glad

They are glad.

They seem glad.

They look glad.

They feel glad.

Adverb quickly

He runs quickly.

He talks quickly.

He works quickly.

He writes quickly.

Adverb happily

She talks happily.

She smiles happily.

She laughs happily.

She works happily.

Adverb gladly

They work gladly.

They study gladly.

They learn gladly.

They finish gladly.

Adjective careful

We are careful.
We seem careful.
We become careful.

Adjective good

It is good.
It seems good.
It looks good.
It becomes good.

Adverb carefully

We study carefully.
We work carefully.
We practice carefully.

Adverb well

It works well.
It runs well.
It drives well.
It writes well.

3. Use of Adjectives and Adverbs

Notice the use of adjectives and adverbs in these paragraphs.

a. Lt. Jones is a good pilot. He flies well. He handles his plane efficiently and well. He's very patient. When he instructs the students, he answers their questions cheerfully. He's a rapid speaker, but he always explains slowly and carefully.

He's a careful worker.
He gives a cheerful answer.

He's a rapid talker.

He works <u>carefully</u>. He answers <u>cheerfully</u>. He talks rapidly.

b. Lt. Jones is a hard worker. He works hard every day. He has a small sports car and he drives very fast to work. Mrs. Jones is not a fast driver. She's a slow and careful driver. She takes her time when she drives. She usually arrives late.

He's a hard worker. He's a fast driver. He works hard. He drives fast.

c. Lt. Jones gets up early every day, but Mrs. Jones likes to sleep late. On Sundays and holidays both the Joneses are late sleepers. They get up late. The Joneses like to have fun at parties. They are both good dancers. They dance well.

She's a good dancer.
They are late sleepers.

She dances well. They sleep $\frac{\text{vell}}{\text{late}}$.

4. Sentence Structure with Adverbs

INSTRUCTOR'S NOTE: The adverbial modifier usually follows a subjectverb (object) construction. However, some adverbs of frequency usually come before the main verb (Unit 1202).

a. Lt. Jones drives <u>fast</u>.

He <u>always</u> comes on time.

He is always on time.

Mrs. Jones drives slowly. She never comes on time. She is never on time.

Subject	Verb	Object	Adverb	
Lt. Jones	-	English	well.	(How?)
He He	bought smokes	a book a pipe	yesterday. constantly.	(When?) (Frequency?)
Let's	read	the sign	over the door.	(Where?)

b. When there are several adverb modifiers, the pattern is:

Subject	Verb	Object	oject Adverbs				
			Place	Manner	Frequency	Time	
I	saw	them	downto	wn	several times	yesterday.	
They	came		here	by plane	twice	last year.	

5. Irregular Comparative and Superlative Forms of a few Adjectives and Adverbs

	Adjectives			Adverbs	Adverbs	
good	better	best	well	better	best	
well	better	(health)				
bad much many	worse more	worst most	badl y much	worse more	worst most	
little	less	least		less	least	
far	farther	farthest	far	farther	farthest	
	further	furthest		further	furthest	

6. Grammar Drills in Adjective and Adverb Usage

a. Repeat the following adjectives and adverbs:

Adjectives	Adverbs	Adjectives	Adverbs
quick	quickly	bad	badly
slow	slowly	soft	softly
glad	gladly	loud	loudly
happy	happily	early	early
careful	carefully	late	late
correct	correctly	hard	hard
nice	nicely	fast	fast
bu sy	busily	good	well

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	1. She drives very	(fast).
	2. He walks	(slow).
	3. He did the work	(careful).
	4. He speaks very	(fast).
	5. She prepares her lessons	(careless).
	6. She speaks English	(good).
	7. We arrived	(early).
	8. He obeyed	(quick).
ь.	Supply the correct form of the	a adjective or adverb
•	1. He is a	•
	2. He drives	(last).
	3. This is an	(easy) lesson.
	4. He learns	(easy).
	5. This sentence is	(correct).
	6. They all spoke	(correct).
	7. This is a	(fast) car.
	8. He drove	(fast).
	9. He is always	(glad) to go.
	10. He went	glad).
c.	Give the comparative forms of	the words in parentheses.
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	Example: He drives more can	his brother. (careful) refully than his brother.
	1. They came	we. (early)
	2. They got up 3. He will arrive 4. He stopped 5. She speaks 6. She worked 7. They'll drive	yesterday. (early)
	3. He will arrive	his friends. (soon)
	4. He stopped	the officer. (quick)
	5. She speaks	anyone else. (well)
	6. She worked	anyone else. (hard)
	7. They'll drive	now. (careful)

Fill in the blanks with the adverbial forms of the adjectives in

d. Choose the correct forms.

- 1. How (well, good) does he drive?
- 2. His English is very (good, well).
- 3. He does not drive as (careful, carefully) as she.
- 4. I (smoke, am smoking) a pack a day.
- 5. He spends (many, much) time studying.
- 6. This pencil is mine, but that one is (your, yours).
- 7. He sent (her, to her) a present.
- 8. He writes (correct, correctly) sentences.
- 9. I think it (rains, is raining).
- 10. He speaks (careful, carefully).

e. Choose the correct forms in parentheses.

Example: After a rain, the earth always smells (sweet, sweetly).

- 1. Bud tasted the soup (careful, carefully).
- 2. At the seashore the air felt (cold, coldly), although the sun was shining (bright, brightly).
- 3. Bill felt (sad, sadly) because he did (bad, badly) on the exam.
- 4. The pilot landed his plane (quick, quickly) and (careful, carefully).
- 5. Don't speak (careless, carelessly) because it sounds (bad, badly).

7. Special Expressions

a. Had better

You had better study tonight.
She had better go home early.
We had better get some more paper.
He had better finish soon.
I had better not do it now.
We had better not go to New York.

b. 'D better

You'd better study tonight.

She'd better go home early.

We'd better get some more paper.

He'd better finish soon.

I'd better not do it now.

We'd better not go to New York.

They'd better not forget the homework.

8. Colors

a. One day when Mrs. Jones was driving her car downtown, it stalled at the traffic light, and she had trouble starting it again. She tried again and again, but the motor didn't start.

Meanwhile the traffic signal kept changing--green, yellow, red, then green again. The drivers behind Mrs. Jones kept honking their horns.

Finally, a policeman walked over to Mrs. Jones. He pointed at the traffic light and said, "What's the matter ma'am? Don't we have any colors that you like?"

RED _____ means stop - danger

YELLOW ____ means caution - wait

GREEN ____ means go

Learn these colors:

green blue red
yellow orange black
white gray brown

We use light, medium, or dark to describe colors:

The sky is light blue.

My pencil is dark red.

What colors can you name in the classroom?

What are the colors of your flag?

Vocabulary Practice

1. behind

John doesn't like to drive behind a bus.
The building you are looking for is behind the bank.
Does anyone sit behind you?

2. point at

Everyone was looking at the top floor of the building and pointing at the man outside the window.

The policeman pointed at the stop sign and said, "You didn't stop."

3. light

In the daytime the sky is usually light blue. The child's hair is light brown.

TAPE 1308A

Listen to the following conversation between a policeman and a pedestrian.

- A: Say, mister, watch where you're going.
 The light's red.
- B: Sorry, officer.
 I didn't see any cars.
- A: That doesn't make any difference.
 The light's red.
 That means you wait.
 You should stay on the sidewalk.
- B: Yes, sir. I'll be more careful.
- A: You'd better.

 Next time you might wind up in a hospital.
- B: I'm not used to such heavy traffic.
- A: You'd better get used to it.

 And don't forget to obey the traffic lights.
- B: Yes, sir. Thank you, sir.

Now listen to it again and repeat it.

Let's practice using the vocabulary introduced in this conversation. Repeat these sentences.

difference

The difference between six and two is four. Does it make any difference where I go? It doesn't make any difference to me.

heavy

In a busy street the traffic is heavy. Most metals are heavy. This pen writes too heavy.

hospital

When we are sick we go to the hospital. How long were you in the hospital? He went to the hospital after the accident.

mean

What does this verb mean?
When I tell you to study, I mean it.
He always means what he says.

mister

Mister, where are you going? You can't do that, mister. Mr. Brown is a friend of mine.

obey

We should obey all laws.

I do what my instructor says. I obey him.

Do you obey all traffic signs?

sidewalk

We should never drive on the sidewalk. We walk on the sidewalk. It is usually safe to walk on the sidewalk.

wind up

In town we wound up in the movies.

They might wind up in the hospital.

Where did you wind up Saturday night?

Here are some exercises using adjectives and adverbs. Notice the difference in the two forms. Repeat what you hear.

adjective quick
He is quick.
He seems quick.
He looks quick.

adjective happy
She is happy.
She seems happy.
She looks happy.
She becomes happy.

adjective glad
They are glad.
They seem glad.
They look glad.
They become glad.

adjective <u>careful</u>
We are careful.
We seem careful.
We look careful.
We become careful.

adverb quickly
He runs quickly.
He talks quickly.
He works quickly.
He writes quickly.

adverb happily
She talks happily.
She smiles happily.
She laughs happily.
She works happily.

adverb gladly
They work gladly.
They study gladly.
They learn gladly.
They finish gladly.

adverb carefully
We study carefully.
We work carefully.
We practice carefully.
We speak carefully.

Now let's practice making some comparatives. You will hear a sentence. You should then say the same sentence but make it comparative. Then repeat the correct response.

Example: My car is big.

My car is bigger than yours. My car is bigger than yours.

My car is long.

My car is longer than yours.

My car is old.

My car is older than yours.

My book is small.

My book is smaller than yours.

Remember to change to the comparative.

My pencil is short.

My pencil is shorter than yours.

My book is good.

My book is better than yours.

My country is far away.

My country is farther away than yours.

My country is small.

My country is smaller than yours.

My country is large.

My country is larger than yours.

My tape is bad.

My tape is worse than yours.

We'll now practice some of the verbs in this lesson. You will hear a question. You should give an affirmative answer. Repeat the correct response.

Example: Do you obey traffic laws?

Yes, I obey traffic laws. Yes, I obey traffic laws.

Does he obey traffic laws?

Yes, he obeys traffic laws.

Do they obey traffic laws?

Yes, they obey traffic laws.

Remember to give an affirmative answer.

Did you forget the instructions?

Yes, I forgot the instructions.

Did he obey the officer?

Yes, he obeyed the officer.

Did they get used to the traffic?

Yes, they got used to the traffic.

Are you watching the traffic light?

Yes, I'm watching the traffic light.

Is he being more careful?

Yes, he's being more careful.

In the following sentences notice the use of the adverbs. Repeat what you hear.

She drives very fast. He prepares his lessons carelessly.

He walks slowly. She speaks English well.

He felt a little better. We arrived early.

He did the work carefully. He obeyed quickly.

He speaks very fast. She spoke loudly.

TAPE 1308B

NOTE: The instructions in parentheses are included for the instructor and will not be recorded. Also, it is not necessary to learn the words in the pronunciation drills. They are for practice only.

The next pair of consonants /s/ and /z/ is very important.

(We not only use these sounds in words, but also to form the third person singular of verbs and the plural of nouns. Take a deep breath and repeat /s s s/ and /z z z.)

Repeat everything you hear.

/s/	Sue	/z/	z00
/s/	loose	/z/	lose
/s/	seal	/z/	zeal
/s/	sink	/z/	zinc
/s/	sip	/z/	zip
/s/	lice	/z/	lies
/s/	talks	/z/	learns
/s/	walks	/z/	plays
/s/	waits	/z/	tells
/s/	bites	/z/	goes
/s/	bets	/z/	has
/s/	hopes	/z/	sees
/s/	books	/z/	boys
/s/	desks	/z/	tables
/s/	lights	/z/	walls
/s/	parents	/ z/	doors
/s/	tapes	/z/	papers
/s/	waits	/z/	pins

Let's now practice the sound /š/ as compared with the sound /s/.

(Take a deep breath and sound /š š š š/.)

Repeat everything.

/s/	sun	/š/	shun
/s/	Sue	/š/	shoe
/s/	sewer	/š/	sure
/s/	sown	/š/	shone
/s/	sop	/š/	shop
/s/	same	/š/	shame
/s/	80	/š/	show
/s/	saw	/š/	Shaw

Now practice the /ž/ sound.

(This sound is produced as the /s/, but it is voiced.)

Repeat everything.

/ž/	measure	/ž/	vision
/ž/	treasure	/ž/	Asia
/ž/	pleasure	/ž/	excursion
/ž/	azure		

The next pair of consonants is /c/ and /j/.

(We form these sounds exactly alike, except that we voice /j/.) Repeat everything.

/č/	cherry	/ǯ/	Jerry
/č/	chain	/ǯ/	Jane
/č/	chess	/3/	Jess
/č/	rich	/ǯ/	ridge
/č/	britches	/ʒ/	bridges



Listen to this conversation about the traffic problems in a large city in the United States.

- A: It is difficult to move around in a city.

 The traffic is so heavy.

 There are so many cars in the streets.
- B: Yes, cities have to have strict traffic laws.
 Traffic lights are on most busy corners.
 There are many stop signs on the main streets.
 Cars and buses obey the traffic lights and stop signs.
- A: Don't the people who walk obey the lights?
- B: Yes, it is dangerous to walk against the red lights.Some people do not obey the traffic laws.Many of these people are hurt in accidents.
- A: It is also difficult to park in town.
- B: Yes, that is regulated, too.
 Some places are marked "NO PARKING."
 You can never park in these places.
 In most places you can't park very long.
- A: Yes, traffic is a problem in a big city.It is complicated.It is important to obey the traffic laws.

Now listen to the conversation again and repeat it.

Practice some of the vocabulary we introduced in this conversation. Listen and repeat.

against

I put the table against the wall. Don't do anything against the law! Are you for me or against me?

complicate

Heavy traffic in the city complicates driving.

Many mathematics questions are complicated.

Complicated books are difficult to read.

dangerous

Driving fast is dangerous.

It is dangerous to walk against the light.

Drive carefully; the road is dangerous.

hurt

They were hurt in the accident. Were you hurt in a fall last week? No, I wasn't hurt. I didn't fall.

law

We make laws to help people. You should always obey the laws. Do you know all the traffic laws?

regulate

The traffic lights regulate traffic.

We use laws to regulate our lives.

How do they regulate traffic in your hometown?

stop signs

We often see stop signs on important roads. They always stop for stop signs. He went through the stop sign and had an accident.

strict

Laws must be strict to protect us. My instructor is strict; I do what he says. Are the police in this city strict?

We have just heard and repeated a conversation about traffic. Here are some questions based on this conversation. Answer the questions. Then repeat the correct response.

Example: Is there a lot of traffic in the United States?

Yes, there's a lot of traffic in the United States. Yes, there's a lot of traffic in the United States.

Do most cities have strict traffic laws?

Yes, most cities have strict traffic laws.

Do cars have to obey traffic lights?

Yes, cars have to obey traffic lights.

Do buses have to obey traffic lights?

Yes, buses have to obey traffic lights.

Remember to answer the question.

Do people have to obey traffic lights?

Yes, people have to obey traffic lights.

Is it safe to walk against a red light?

No, it isn't safe to walk against a red light.

Is it dangerous to walk against a red light?

Yes, it is dangerous to walk against a red light.

Do we regulate parking?

Yes, we regulate parking.

Can we park cars by a "NO PARKING" sign?

No, we cannot park cars by a "NO PARKING" sign.

Is traffic a problem of city life?

Yes, traffic is a problem of city life.

Is it important to obey the traffic laws?

Yes, it is important to obey the traffic laws.

Here are some statements about traffic signs. Repeat the sentences.

We want to be safe drivers.

Then we must understand traffic signs.

Each sign has something to say.

You should always read the message.

If you don't you may get killed or hurt.

One sign says "STOP."
This sign says to stop the car.
Then you should look right and left.
When it is safe, you go on.
Another sign says "SCHOOL."
This means you are coming to a school.

You go 20 miles per hour.
The next sign says "ONE WAY."
The traffic can go only in one direction.
An arrow shows the way traffic should go.
Here is a sign reading "MEN WORKING."
Where men are working we slow down.
We also drive carefully.

TAPE 1308C

Listen to this conversation on driving.

- A: Look out!
 Watch that curve ahead!
- B: Boy, we almost had an accident.
- A: You almost missed the curve.

 Jim, slow down.

 Don't drive so fast.
- B: Whew, that truck almost hit us.
- A: You almost hit him.
 You went through the stop sign.
 You're still driving too fast.
- B: I didn't see the sign.
 But I'll slow down.
- A: Be careful!

 Don't put on the brakes too fast.

 The car might turn over.

Now listen to the conversation again and repeat it.

Here are some questions and answers about road signs. Listen and repeat.

The driver sees a stop sign.

What should he do?

He should stop the car.

Then he should look right and left.

When it is safe he should go on.

The next sign has the word "SCHOOL."

What does this mean?

It means we're coming to a school.

We should slow down.

We usually drive 20 miles an hour past schools.

Sometimes we see school buses stopped on the road.

Students are getting on or getting off.

Then we must stop the car.

On the next street we see an arrow.
On the arrow are the words "ONE WAY."
What does this sign tell us?
All the traffic goes in one direction.
The arrow points the direction for the traffic.

Sometimes we see people working in the street. Here we see the sign "MEN WORKING."
What do we do when we see this sign?
We slow the car down.
We watch for the men.
We drive carefully past them.

Now you will hear some affirmative statements. You should change the statements to negative statements. Then repeat the correct response.

Example: There is a lot of traffic.

There is not a lot of traffic. There is not a lot of traffic.

There are many cars.

There are not many cars.

You should walk when the light is red.

You should not walk when the light is red.

Remember to change to the negative.

You must drive fast.

You must not drive fast.

You may park by "NO PARKING" signs.

You may not park by "NO PARKING" signs.

We should drive both ways on "ONE-WAY" streets.

We should not drive both ways on "ONE-WAY" streets.

You should drive fast around curves.

You should not drive fast around curves.

Let's practice some sentences using the different words for colors. Listen and repeat what you hear.

Mr. Jones drives a blue car. He had to stop for the red traffic light. The light turned green and he drove on. We drive very carefully when the light is yellow. He wears white shirts. His suit is dark brown. Miss Moore has red hair. I wear light gray suits in the summer. He has an orange tie. The sky looks black at night. It is blue during the day. Some clouds are white. Other clouds are gray or black. In summer the grass is green. It gets brown in the winter. There are many yellow flowers in the spring. Many people like red ties. We see many red roses in the summer. My coat is light brown. She has a dark blue dress. They like medium dark colors.

Here are some sentences using different forms of adjectives and adverbs. Notice the use of the comparative and superlative forms. Listen and repeat.

He swims very well.
He swims better than I.
He swims the best of all of us.

Tom's English is good.

Mary's English is better.

Bob's English is the best.

They spend much time studying.
We spend more time studying.
Those students spend the most time studying.

She speaks carefully.

She speaks more carefully than I.

The teacher speaks the most carefully of all.

In the fall the air is cold.

The air is colder in the fall than in summer.

In winter the air is the coldest.

We felt bad yesterday.
We feel worse today.
We felt the worst last week.

He did badly on his exam.

John did worse on the first test.

I did the worst of all on my second test.

We came early.

They came earlier than we.

My friends came earliest of all.

She drives very fast. He drives faster than she. I drive the fastest of all.

These students are always busy. They are busier than we are. The drivers are the busiest workers.

Practice some sentences using the progressive verb phrase in the different tenses. Repeat the sentences.

I'll be driving to town tomorrow.
I'm driving to town this afternoon.
I was driving to town last night.
I have been driving to town every day.

They'll be studying all day.
They are studying now.
They were studying last night.
They have been studying a long time.

We'll be living here for two years. We're living here now. We were living here last year. We have been living here two years.

She'll be walking to class with him. She's walking to the movie with him. She was walking near the building. She has often been walking with him.

He'll be instructing the students tomorrow. He's instructing the students now. He was instructing the students yesterday. He has been instructing us for a long time.

They are going to be working all day. They are working today. They were working yesterday. They have been working since Friday. Here are some sentences with the special expression had better. Listen to them and repeat them.

You'd better study tonight.
You'd better not get home late.
When had he better finish it?
He'd better finish it tomorrow.
We'd better not do it now.
We had better get some more gasoline.
They had better not stay away long.
You'd better go to New York.
Where had we better go?
We had better not go East.