**SL19. Traffic Accident**

**Part 2**

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**IMPORTANT NOTE: Sections 1-4 in the SDLA must be completed before meeting with a tutor and receiving a stamp. Write/type all your answers on this handout.**

**After completing this SDLA, you will be able to:**

* Categorize vocabulary used to describe car accidents
* Use the past progressive and simple past verb tenses accurately when describing a car accident
* Include necessary information when describing a car accident

**Sections 1-4 (approximately 45 minutes):** Read the information. Follow each step below to complete this SDLA. Be prepared to explain your answers when you meet with a tutor.

**Section 1: Introduction**

In Traffic Accidents: Part 1, you learned about the steps you need to take after you’ve been in a car accident.

Now that you know what to do if you are in a traffic accident, you will learn how to describe a car accident. When describing car accidents, we use a lot of specific words to describe the type of accident as well as the results of the accident. It is very important to be able to describe an accident accurately for a police report. In addition, it is always helpful if you are able to tell your friends about an accident you were in or witnessed.



**Section 2: Vocabulary**

Read the passages about traffic accidents. Write the **bold-faced** words and phrases from each passage in the appropriate box in the chart below. The first one has been done for you as an example.

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| **Types of Accidents** | **Describing an Accident** | **Results of an Accident** |
|  | *Speeding* |  |
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**Passage 1:** On a summer afternoon, on I-25 south of Raton, New Mexico, I was driving along very slowly in fog after a thunderstorm. I could only see about 100 feet ahead of me, and hail covered the road like little marbles, making it very slippery. A man in a Cherokee passed me in the left lane **speeding**. Suddenly there was a huge log in his lane. He **lost control** and swerved into my lane in front of me. I **slammed on my brakes**, but he hit my left front fender and I spun around and ended up in the ditch on the right side of the road. He **sideswiped** another car that was in the far right lane and ended up at the hospital with some **serious injuries**. Thankfully there were no **fatalities.** My car was pretty much **totaled** after the **collision**, but thankfully his insurance paid for me to get a new one fairly quickly. I had **whiplash** for a few days, but I’m OK.

**Passage 2:** I was going north on Bandera with my wife and two kids in the car after one of my kid’s soccer games. We decided to eat lunch at a restaurant that was on the right side of the road, and I needed to change lanes, so I put on my blinker, and I looked over my shoulder to see if it was clear. I didn’t see anybody coming, so I changed lanes. I really needed to get over two lanes, so I looked again while I still had my blinker on. I didn’t see anybody coming. I changed lanes one more time. All of a sudden, I heard a **screech**, and a car **rear-ended** us. Immediately after the **wreck**, I checked to make sure everybody in my car and in the other car were okay. I felt really silly because I changed lanes right in front of this guy. But I didn’t see him, so I don’t know if he was speeding or why I didn’t see him. The police must have thought we were both **at fault** because his insurance and mine split the cost of the repairs. His car was only **damaged** a little – I think his front fender and headlights were broken. My whole back **windshield was shattered** and the back end of the **car was crumpled**.

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**Section 3: Describing an Accident**

### Part 1: Past Progressive and Simple Past

### When you describe your accident, it is not only important to know relevant vocabulary, but it is also important to be able to use the past progressive and simple past verb tenses together correctly. Look at the charts below to understand how and when to use these two verb tenses.

### Forming the Simple Past and Past Progressive:

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| Simple Past | Past Progressive |
| Irregular Verbs:  I spoke / He saw / They went / We knewRegular Verbs: verb + -edI worked / He danced / They laughed / We used | Past form of “be” + verb-ingI was speaking.You were speaking.He/she/it was speaking.They were speaking.We were speaking. |

### Using the Simple Past and Past Progressive:

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| **Simple Past** | **Past Progressive** |
| **Focuses on finished actions** I read a book last night.  | **Focuses on the duration of actions**  I was reading a book last night.  |
| **One action happened after another** She came home, switched on the computer, and  checked her emails. | **Actions happening at the same time** She was checking her emails while her brother  was watching TV. |
| **Simple Past + Past Progressive** |
| **Interrupted Actions** – The simple past **interrupts** the past progressive action. I was reading my book when the electricity went out. She was checking her emails when the computer shut down.  |

**YOU TRY:** Look at the reading passages in **Part 1** again and underline all the verbs in the simple past and put a circle around all the verbs in the past progressive.

**Part 2: Answering Wh-Questions**

When you are describing a car accident, it is important to be very detailed. It is best if you answer all the **Wh-questions** in your description to be sure you include all the necessary information. Look at reading passage 1 in **Part 1** again and notice how it includes information that answers the wh-questions below. Also notice the use of the simple past and past progressive in the answers.

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| **Who** was involved in the accident? | *The narrator, a man in a Cherokee, and another car that was sideswiped were involved in the accident.* |
| **Where** did the accident happen? | *The accident happened on I-25 south of Raton, New Mexico.* |
| **When** did the accident happen? | *The accident happened on a summer afternoon.* |
| **What** was the weather and road conditions? | *The person was driving in fog after a thunderstorm.* |
| **How** did the accident happen?  | *The accident happened when a man in a Cherokee was speeding, lost control and swerved into a different lane.*  |
| **Whose** fault was it? | *The man in the Cherokee was at fault.*  |
| **What** injuries occurred? | *The man in the Cherokee suffered some serious injuries, and the narrator got whiplash, but there were no fatalities.* |
| **What** car damage occurred?  | *The narrator’s car was totaled after the accident.*  |

**Part 2 (continued): Answering Wh-Questions**

Think of a car accident you were involved in. If you have never been in a car accident, think of an accident you have seen on TV or in the movies, or one you have read about in a book. Complete the chart below with information from the accident. Remember to use the new vocabulary from **Part 1**, and be sure to use the past progressive and simple past when possible.

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| **Who** was involved in the accident? |  |
| **Where** did the accident happen? |  |
| **When** did the accident happen? |  |
| **What** was the weather and road conditions? |   |
| **How** did the accident happen?  |  |
| **Whose** fault was it? |  |
| **What** injuries occurred? |  |
| **What** car damage occurred?  |  |

**Section 4: Student Self-Assessment**

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* I can categorize vocabulary used to describe car accidents.
* I can use the past progressive and simple past verb tenses accurately when describing a car accident.
* I can include necessary information when describing a car accident.

**DON’T FORGET! Write your name on the clipboard to work with a tutor. The tutor will call your name when he/she is ready.**

**Section 5: Practice with a Tutor!**

After completing the self-assessment, meet with a tutor and give this completed SDLA to the tutor. To make sure you can successfully describe an accident, you will use the information in the chart you completed in **Section 3, Part 3** to describe the accident to the tutor. After you’ve finished describing the accident, the tutor will provide you with feedback in the following areas:

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| **Area of Focus** | **1 Point** | **3 Points** | **5 Points** |
| **Content**  | Student does not provide enough information in responses and does not use appropriate vocabulary.  | Student provides sufficient information in responses and uses appropriate vocabulary some of the time.  | Student provides all necessary information in responses and uses appropriate vocabulary most of the time.  |
| **Skill: Speaking**  | Student’s speech is unclear and requires frequent listener effort.  | Student’s speech is generally clear but requires occasional listener effort.  | Student’s speech is clear and smooth and requires minimal listener effort.  |
| **Oral Fluency**  | Speaks in incomplete sentences that do not flow.  | Speaks in complete sentences some of the time with frequent pauses.  | Speaks in complete sentences with occasional pauses most of the time.  |
|  |  |  | **Total points: /15** |

**\*Students must receive at least 10 points to move on.**

**Tutor Recommendations:**

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| * **Congratulations! Move on**

*Student has successfully completed this SDLA and is ready to continue to the next.* | * **Repeat**

*Student hasn’t yet mastered this SDLA. It is recommended that the student complete it again.* |

**Tutor Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**