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#### Notes to the Teacher

#### Introduction

One of the many hurdles that adult English learners have to overcome in the U.S.A. is learning how to interact appropriately with the police. Unfortunately, this interaction is often necessitated by the student's incurring some sort of traffic ticket. I wrote <a href="#">The Police</a>. Traffic Tickets, and You in the hopes of providing a practical basic guide for the high-beginning/low-intermediate adult ESL student's journey through the sometimes bewildering, if not frightening, experiences of police stops, traffic ticket responses and courtroom appearances here in Washington.

The Police, Traffic Tickets, and You is based on Washington traffic laws and procedures as of August 1994 and has been reviewed for accuracy by Washington State judicial and law officers. Of course, laws are subject to change. I suggest that if you have questions regarding any of the information included, you contact your local police station or District Court for the most current relevant legislation.

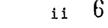
The text is cumulative, starting with the police officer's job and continuing to procedures at a car accident, responding to traffic tickets, attending a hearing and, finally, appropriate behavior when arrested.

Ideally, of course, a class would proceed from beginning to end in a logical progression. However, any ESL adult school instructor knows that attendance is often less than perfect due to the work schedules and busy home life of our students. For this reason, I have occasionally repeated important terms in the "Words for Reading..." sections (such as "arrest"), as well as some essential factual information (such as the necessity of responding to a ticket). You as teacher may also have to repeat explanations of some key terms and concepts as new faces appear in your class.

### On the blackboard: Write Unit Topic and Words for the Reading.

I use a very simple procedure in teaching with these materials. Before opening to the day's unit, I

Write the main topic of the chapter on the blackboard e.g., Police Officers' Duties.



Write all the Words for the Reading.
e.g., officer uniform
county tax
community badge
kinds

#### Elicit students' ideas on the topic.

Before starting on the vocabulary, I elicit any relevant knowledge from the students with questions such as,

- -What do you think police officers do on their job?
- -How do they get paid?
- -What about the police in your native country?
- -Can you name some different kinds of police in Washington?

#### Elicit students' explanations of the Words for the Reading.

Then, I go through the vocabulary, one by one, letting the students volunteer their ideas of meaning first. Some of the terms and concepts are not simple ones, e.g., "rights." If the appropriate idea does not get across through examples and explanations, I resort to transactions or dictionary use.

#### Discuss the illustrations.

After the vocabulary, I have students open to the unit of the day. (If you are using the entire book, you can have students first open to the "Contents" page, tell them the title of the unit, and then have them find the page on their own.) I direct their attention first to the pictures on the first page of the unit and ask for their impressions: What's happening in the picture? etc.

#### Have volunteers read aloud.

Then, I ask for volunteers to take turns reading the text. As they read, I circle words to go over later for pronunciation. As they start a new page, again, we first discuss the illustrations.

#### Review, do the exercises.

After finishing the reading, we might again touch on the main concepts by reviewing the pictures as well as problem pronunciation areas. Then, we proceed to the exercises. Most of the written exercises are self-explanatory, with a completed example for each.



#### Encourage individual answers to "Questions for You."

Many units have a "Question for You" section with questions such as "Are there women police officers in your country?" These can work as discussion starters (It's especially stimulating in a class where several different cultures are represented.) as students compare their personal answers with those of other students.

#### Team up classmates with "Talk With Your Partner."

I usually have the whole class do the whole "Talk with Your Partner" role play first, then, have sides of the class alternate roles, then go to partner work. Most of the dialogs are short so that students might get through them with a feeling of success and, if time permits, move on to another partner. The exception is the final dialog--Unit 17--which includes a reading of the Miranda Clause. I read it the first time around in its entirety, but have the students just read the first two sentences and the last question when they do the dialog.

## Mount illustrations/documents on cards for speaking/writing practice.

You can make use of the illustrations in many ways. For example, copy and cut out the pictures of your choice and mount them on index cards to review key ideas in pairs or small groups. You can ask students to just talk about "what's happening" in a picture or to answer specific questions. This can then proceed to a written task where you write on the board what the students dictate about a picture. Students then copy.

The documents and forms, such as the Notice of Infraction and Payment Plan Agreement can be copied and you can help students get familiar with the information on them by, for example, having students find the Date of Birth and Color of Hair. An overhead projector can be helpful here. Or you can white out the filled-in information and dictate an imaginary infraction or agreement while students fill in the blanks on their copies.

#### Invite a police officer.

Depending on your students' oral/listening proficiency, and the availability of translators (or bilingual police officers), you might want to invite a police officer to your class for a visit.

It's a good idea to have students prepare questions for the officer and practice asking them for a couple of classes in advance of the visit so that students feel confident in talking



and are more likely to stay on topic. Police departments in general are very willing and interested in sending an officer to help clarify police/ticket procedures and help "build bridges" to immigrant members of the community. You will also benefit from a contact at the local police station who will be able to answer any questions you don't feel qualified to answer or that are not treated in the text.

#### Use with higher-level students.

The text can also be used with higher-level intermediate students. In my experience I found that the higher proficiency of these students allowed them to expand each short unit into a much more extensive and interesting classroom treatment of the topic. They can also raise questions that (if you can't answer them) they can save for a guest officer (or give you as an assignment for research before the next class!)

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## 1. Police in the U.S.A.

WORDS FOR READING 1

officer

community

tax

kinds

county

uniform

badge

#### READING 1

There are police OFFICERS in almost every COMMUNITY in the U.S.A.

The people in the community

pay the police officers to work

for them.

The people pay the police officers with their TAX money.

All police officers work for the people of the U.S.A.



There are many different KINDS of police officers.

There are men officers and women officers.

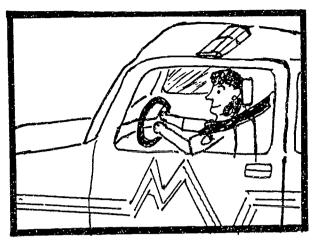
They drive cars. They drive motorcycles. They ride bicycles. They ride horses.

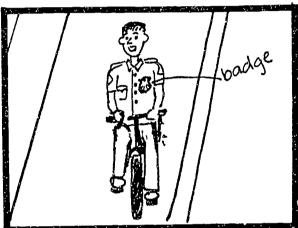
Some police are <u>city</u> police; for example, Burlington Police.

Some are <u>COUNTY</u> police; for example, Yakima County Sheriff.

Some are <u>state</u> police; for example, Washington State Patrol officers.

And some are <u>federal</u> police; for example, the Immigration and Naturalization Service.







Usually, a police officer wears a BADGE and a UNIFORM.

	- <b></b>	A Ques	tion For Y	ou-		
Are	there	women police	officers	in	your	country?
		YES	NO			

### FINISH THE SENTENCES

1. There are police officers in almost every community in the $\mathcal{U}$ . $\mathcal{S}$ . $\mathcal{Q}$ .
2. The people pay the police officers with their
3. There are men officers and
4. They drive They ride
5. Some officers are state police; for example,
•
WRITE THE COMPLETE SENTENCES
Now copy sentences 1 to 5 from above.
1 There are police officers in almost every community in the U.S.a.
every community in the U.S.a.
2
3
4
5
<del></del>



## 2. Police Officers' Duties

	W	ORDS FOR REA	DING 2		_
safe	rights	duty/duties	patrol	enforce .	
violate	arrest	robbery	murder	drug dealing	

#### READING 2

All police officers work
to keep people SAFE
and protect people's RIGHTS.

Police have many DUTIES in their jobs.

One police DUTY is:

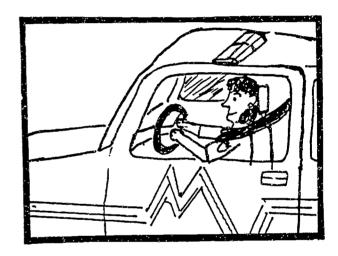
\* To PATROL the streets.

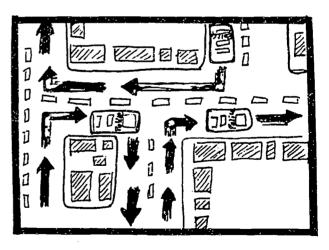
Officers walk or drive

streets many times every

day to help people or to

stop trouble.





Police officers patrol the streets.

#### Another police duty is:

\* To ENFORCE traffic laws.

Officers stop people who VIOLATE traffic laws, for example, driving too fast or parking in a no-parking area.



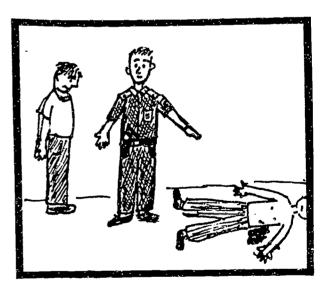
Police officers enforce traffic laws against driving too fast.

#### Another police duty is:

\* To ENFORCE criminal laws.

Officers ARREST people who are involved in crimes like ROBBERY,

MURDER and DRUG DEALING.



Police officers enforce criminal laws against murder.

#### WHICH WORD?

Instructions: Circle the right word.

1. All police officers work to protect people's \_\_\_\_.

crimes

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duties

2. Police have many \_\_\_\_ in their jobs.

taxes

counties

duties

3. Officers \_\_\_\_ the streets to help people or to stop trouble.

patrol

violate

enforce

4. Officers stop people who \_\_\_\_ traffic laws.

patrol

violate enforce

5. Officers \_\_\_\_ criminal laws.

park

enforce

patrol

6. Officers \_\_\_\_ people who are involved in crimes like robbery, murder, and drug dealing.

drive

park

arrest

#### WHICH LETTER?

1. <u>Y</u>ights

- 4. \_\_rug \_\_ealing
- 7. in\_olved

2. sa\_\_e

5. office\_\_

8. rob\_ery

3. en\_\_orce

6. \_\_uty

9. \_\_urder

#### NOW, WRITE THE WORDS.

- 1. rights
- 4. \_\_\_\_\_

- 2. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 \_\_\_\_\_
- 8. \_\_\_\_\_

- 3. \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. \_\_\_\_\_
- 9.\_\_\_\_

## 3. The Police and Car Accidents

words for reading 3

vehicle freeway must accident report arrest

#### READING 3

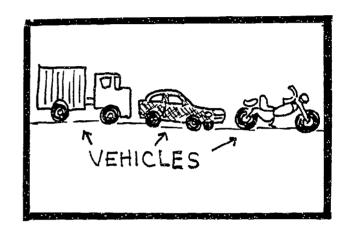
Every day there are
VEHICLE accidents on
FREEWAYS, streets, and roads.

A police officer MUST come to each accident and make an ACCIDENT REPORT.

In the accident report, the officer writes what happened.

If a you have a vehicle accident, you must call the police and wait for the officer to come and make the accident report.

If you do not wait, the police officer can ARREST you.





#### WHAT'S THE ANSWER?

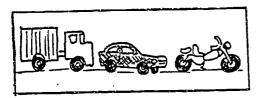


1. Who is this?

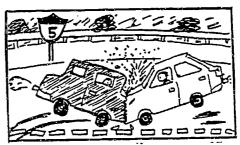
police officer



2. What is this?



3. What are these?



4. Where is this accident?

5. WHERE do vehicle accidents happen?

6. WHAT must the police officer make?

7. If you have an accident, WHO must you call?

8. If you do not wait, WHAT can the police officer do?

## 4. If You Have a Vehicle Accident...

#### WORDS FOR READING 4

document

registration

insurance card

exchange

notify

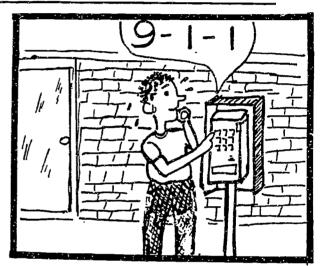
injured

damage

#### **READING 4**

If you have a vehicle accident on a public street, you must:

1. <u>Telephone</u> the police at 9-1-1 and tell them about the accident.



2. Wait for the officer to come.



3. Give the officer three DOCUMENTS.

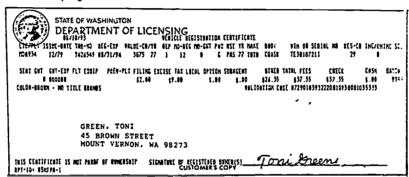


The three documents are:

a) your driver's LICENSE



b) your vehicle REGISTRATION and



c) your vehicle INSURANCE CARD.



And, if somebody is INJURED, or there is DAMAGE of more than \$500, you will have to fill out an accident report. The police officer will give you the accident report form.

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If there is another car involved in the accident, you must EXCHANGE your:

- a) name
- b) address
- c) driver's license number
- d) insurance company name

with the other driver.

Toni Green
45 Brown St.

Mount Vernon
WA 98273
Green 45c20
White Insurance
Company

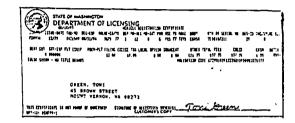
Also, you must NOTIFY your insurance company of the accident.



#### WHAT'S IN THE PICTURE?

1. If you have a car accident, you must show these to the police officer:





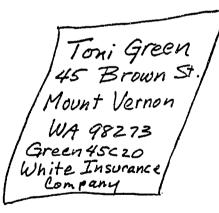
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a) driver's	
license	

b)_			

c)			 

2. If you have an accident with another driver, you must exchange this information with the other driver:



- a) Name
- b)\_\_\_\_\_
- c)\_\_\_\_\_
- d)\_\_\_\_\_
- 3. What is the emergency telephone number for the police?

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#### TALK WITH YOUR PARTNER:

#### TONI'S EMERGENCY TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

Toni had an accident. He dialed 9-1-1.

OPERATOR: Hello. What is your emergency?

TONI: I had a car accident.

OPERATOR: Where are you located?

TONI: On the corner of State Street

and Pine Street.

OPERATOR: On the corner of State and

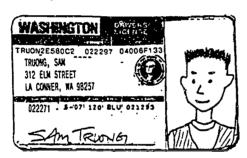
Pine. Do you need an ambulance?

TONI: No. Everybody is OK.

OPERATOR: OK. We'll have a police officer

there very soon.

TONI: Thank you.



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#### HELP\_SAM!

Sam just had an accident with Toni. Please complete the information below so he can exchange it with Toni.

Name Sam Truong Address		icense No
A Q	Question for You-	
In your country, is th	ere an emergency	telephone number?
YES	NO I	DON'T KNOW

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## 5. The Police and Traffic Tickets

#### WORDS FOR READING 5

break a law

speed

follow

flashing lights

siren

pull over

crime

polite

realize

#### READING 5

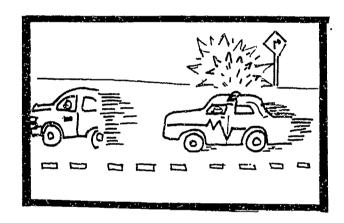
Police officers patrol the streets everyday. They look for people who need help. And, they look for people who are BREAKING TRAFFIC LAWS.

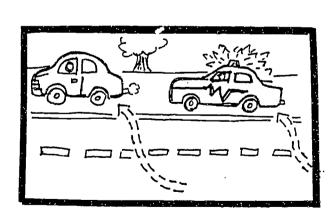
If you are SPEEDING, the officer will FOLLOW your car. The officer will use FLASHING LIGHTS or a SIREN on the police car.

When you see the police car with flashing lights or a siren behind you, you must PULL OVER and stop.

Not stopping is a CRIME.

(You must <u>always</u> pall over when you see an emergency vehicle with flashing lights or siren behind you. This helps the emergency vehicle.)





Then the officer will come to your car window. The officer will ask you for three documents:

- a. driver's license
- b. car registration
- c. insurance card

You must give these documents to the officer.

It is very important to be POLITE to the police officer.



#### CONVERSATION WITH A POLICE OFFICER

TONI: Yes, Officer, is something wrong?

OFFICER: You were going 35. The speed limit here is 25.

TONI: I'm sorry, Officer. I didn't realize I was going so fast.

OFFICER: May I see your driver's license and registration?

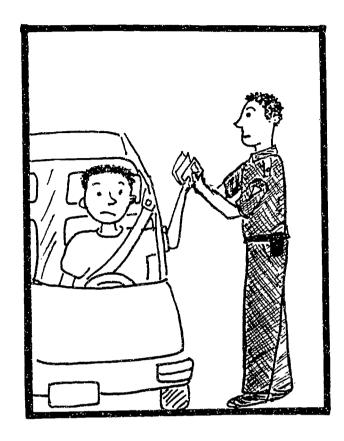
TONI: Here you are, Officer.

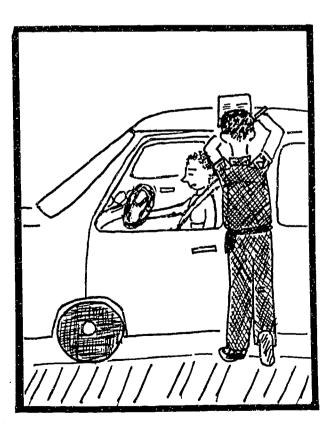
OFFICER: Thank you. And your insurance card?

TONI: Here.

OFFICER: Thanks. I'll be back

in a minute.





СНО	OOSE AND WRITE		
	follow	flashing	breaking
	polite	pull over	registration
	realiz	e give	
1.	Police look for	people who are	breaking traffic laws.
2.	The officer will		your speeding car.
3.	The officer will	use	lights and a siren.
4.	The driver in th	e speeding car	nust
	and stop.		
5.	The officer will	ask you for th	ree documents, a driver's
	license, car		_, and insurance card.
6.	You must	thes	e documents to the police
	officer.		
7.	It is very impor	tant for you to	be to the
	police officer.		
8.	Toni didn't	h	e was going so fast.
port of the	oven mim Loppe In	WE WITH I DOWNER	
	OUSE THE WORDS, WRI		
1.	polite $\Delta$	а	. drive behind
2.	speed	<b>_</b> b	. know

∼d. nice

3. pull over \_\_\_\_

4. follow \_\_\_\_\_

5. realize \_\_\_\_

c. drive too fast

e. drive to the side of street

## 6. Types of Traffic Violations

	WORDS	FOR READING	3 6	
violation	criminal	serious	drunk	jail
infraction	less	warning	show proof	mail

#### READING 6

There are two main types of traffic VIOLATIONS -- CRIMINAL violations and INFRACTIONS.

A CRIMINAL violation is very SERIOUS. For example, DRUNK driving is a criminal violation.

If you commit a criminal violation, the police officer can arrest you. You can go to JAIL for a criminal violation.

The officer will give you yellow ticket for a criminal violation.



Why is the officer arresting the driver?

An INFRACTION is a LESS serious violation. For example, driving 10 miles more than the speed limit is an infraction.

If you commit an infraction, the officer will give you a green ticket. The officer cannot put you in jail for an infraction.



If the traffic violation is very small, the officer may give you only a WARNING.

For example, if your headlight is not working at night, the officer may give you a warning with a white paper.

You must fix your headlight soon and SHOW PROOF that you fixed it.

If you do not, the officer may MAIL you a ticket.



	01155710	NS FOR YOU
	<b>4</b> 025110	NS 1010 100
Have you ever	gotten a tic	ket for an infraction?
	YES	NO
Have you ever	gotten a war	ning?
	YES	NO

#### FINISH THE SENTENCES

1.	There	are	two	main	types	of	traffic	violations	 criminal
	violat	tions	and	in	fract	ion	s!		

2.	Ιf	you	commit	a	criminal	violation,	the	police	officer	can

3.	The	officer	will	give	you	yellow	ticket	for		
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4.	Ιf	you	commit	an	infraction,	the	officer	will	give	you	

5.	Ιf	the	traffic	${\tt violation}$	is	very	small,	the	officer	
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#### CIRCLE THE ANSWER

- 1. What color is a criminal violation ticket?
  - a. green b. white
- (c) yellow
- 2. What color is an infraction ticket?
  - a. green b. white
- c. yellow
- 3. What color is a warning paper?
- a. green b. white c. yellow
- 4. You can go to jail for a
  - a. criminal violation b. infraction c. warning
- 5. You must fix a broken headlight
- a. slowly b. soon c. at night

#### SAY THE WORDS

criminal jail infraction proof

mail violation serious soon

# 7. You and the Infraction Ticket (The front side)

#### WORDS FOR READING 7

sign

agree

judge

court

handicapped

seat belt

citation

signature

#### **READING 7**

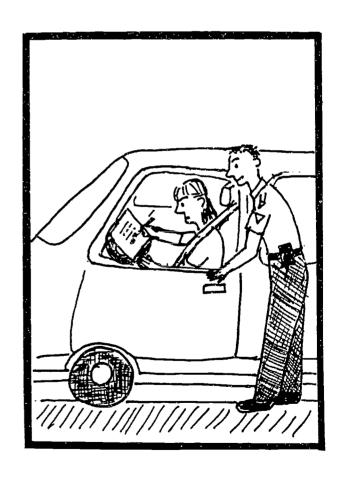
When you get an infraction ticket, you must SIGN it.

If you do not sign the ticket, the officer can <u>arrest</u> you.

Remember, it is very important to be polite to the officer.

If you don't AGREE with the officer, don't talk about it.

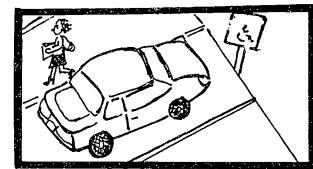
You can talk later with the JUDGE in COURT.



There are many kinds of traffic infractions.

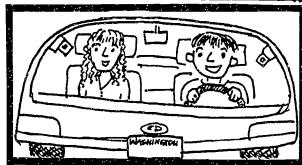
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parking in a HANDICAPPED space
(if you are not handicapped)



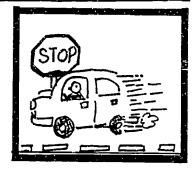
not wearing a SEAT BELT

not stopping at a stop sign



not stopping at a red light

not having brake lights on your vehicle



A QUESTION FOR YOU	-
Can you name some more traffic infractions? Your teacher will help you write.	
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#### TONI'S TICKET

#### CIRCLE

- 1. Violation Date -
- 2. Violation
- 3. Fine (U.S. Funds) \$
- 4. Toni's Signature
- 5. Officer's name

#### WRITE

What is the violation date?

7/5/94

What is the violation?

How much is the fine?

\$\_\_\_\_

Did Toni sign the ticket?

What is the name of the officer?

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#### TALK WITH A PARTNER:

#### CONVERSATION WITH A

POLICE OFFICER (CONTINUED)

OFFICER: I'm giving you a citation for a traffic infraction.

You were going 10 miles over the speed limit.

TONI: OK, officer.

OFFICER: Please sign here.

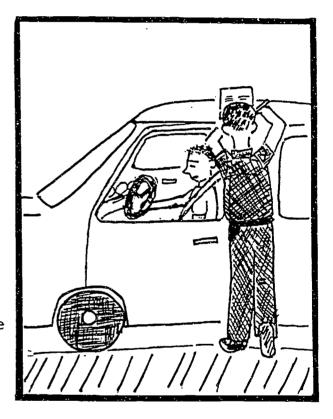
TONI: All right, officer.

OFFICER: Thank you. You need to
watch your speed. There are
many small children

TONI: Yes, officer.

in this area.

OFFICER: Thank you. Drive safely.



# 8. You and the Infraction Ticket cont'd (The back side)

back side box/boxes whole within
hearing explain bottom current print

#### **READING 8**

You must look at the BACK SIDE of your citation.

You will see there are three BOXES.

You must check only one box.

#### NOTICE OF INFRACTION

YOU MUST RESPOND TO THIS NOTICE WITHIN FIFTEEN (15) DAYS OF THE DATE THIS NOTICE IS ISSUED. Failure to respond (or failure to appear at any hearing you request) will automatically increase the monetary penalty. AND your driver's license (or your vehicle license if this is a parking infraction) will not be renewed until you have paid all the penalties required by law...

ALSO, FAILURE TO RESPOND TO THIS NOTICE (OR FAILURE TO APPEAR AT ANY COURT HEARING YOU REQUEST) IS A CRIME AND MAY BE PUNISHED BY FINE OR IMPRISONMENT IN JAIL.

ALL TRAFFIC INFRACTIONS (and failures to respond or appear) MUST BE REPORTED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING.

AN INFRACTION IS NOT A CRIME, BUT FAILURE TO RESPOND IS. The penalty for an infraction cannot include a jall sentence, but can include a monetary penalty and may (if your driving record is lengthy) result. In suspension, revocation or denial of your driver's license. This notice represents a final determination, unless contested, that you have committed this infraction and owe the penalty stated on the other side of this notice. IF YOU SELIEVE YOU DID NOT COMMIT THE INFRACTION, CHECK #3 SELOW.

Please check one, and only one, of the boxes below, sign your name, and return this notice to the court listed on the other side of this notice, in person of by mail within filteen (15) days. A mailed response must be mailed not later than midnight on the day the response is due. If you send payment without checking and of the boxes, it will be assumed you choose #1. Checks should have the citation number written on them.

#### MY RESPONSE IS:

- 1.1 CHOOSE TO PAY THE MONETARY PENALTY AND HAVE ENCLOSED FULL PAYMENT. You may pay the full amount of the penalty to the court indicated on the other side. If you must make time payments, appear in person at the court office. The amount of the penalty has been set by Supreme Court rule. This will close the case. A traffic infraction will go on your driving record.
  - 2. I REQUEST A HEARING TO EXPLAIN THE CIRCUMSTANCES. If you agree that you committed the infraction, you still may explain the circumstances surrounding the infraction. The court will notify you in writing of the hearing date. You may not require witnesses to appear at the hearing but they may attend voluntarily. A traffic infraction will go on your driving record.
    - 3. I REQUEST A HEARING TO CONTEST THIS INFRACTION NOTICE. If you believe you did not commit the infraction or have a detense to it, you may have a hearing to challenge the determination that you committed it. At the hearing the state must prove by a preponderence of the evidence (more likely than not) that you committed the infraction. You may require witnesses, including the chicer who issued the notice, to appear at the hearing. The court will notify you in writing of the hearing date and how to request that witnesses be present.

I ENCLOSE PAYMENT IN FULL (If box #1 is checked) or PROMISE TO APPEAR (If box #2 or #3 is checked)

(signature)

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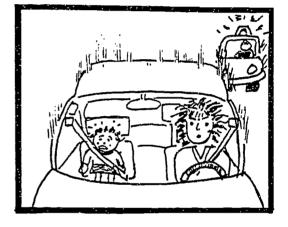
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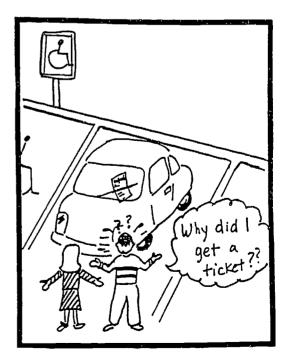
If you check <u>Box #2</u>, you want a court HEARING to EXPLAIN why you had to violate a law.

2.



If you check <u>Box #3</u>,
you want a court hearing
to say that you did
not violate a law.

**3**.



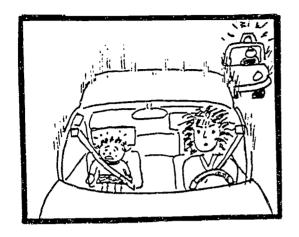
#### WHICH BOX?

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the whole fine within
15 days?
Box #
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1. Which box do you check

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#### WHICH BOX SHOULD THEY CHECK - # 1, 2, OR 3?

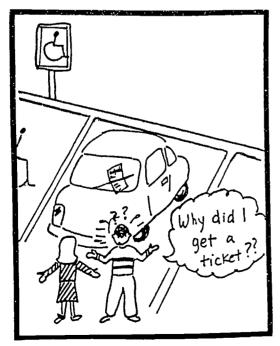


Maria's baby was very sick
That's why she was speeding to
the hospital. She wants to
explain this at a hearing.
Which box should she check?
Box # \_\_\_\_\_



Bill wants to pay all of the fine within 15 days. Which box should he check?

Box # \_\_\_\_\_



Andy thinks that the police officer was wrong. Andy thinks he did not park in a handicapped parking space. Which box should he check?

Box # \_\_\_\_\_



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# 9. If You Check Box #1:

# Paying the Whole Fine & Paying with Time Payments

#### WORDS FOR READING 9

whole

court clerk

time payments

weekly

monthly

penalty

#### READING 9

If you check Box 1 on your traffic ticket, you must pay the WHOLE fine within 15 days.

You can take the money to the COURT CLERK.

Or you can mail a check or money order to the court clerk.

But maybe the fine will be too much money for you to pay at one time.





If this is your problem, you can go to the court clerk and ask for TIME PAYMENTS.

With time payments, you can pay your ticket fine little by little.

For example, with time payments, if your fine is \$300, you can pay \$100 per month for 3 months.

OR, you can pay \$25 per week for 12 weeks.

# SKAGIT COUNTY DISTRICT COURT Public Safety Building

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#### TALK WITH A PARTNER:

#### CONVERSATION WITH A

#### COURT CLERK

COURT CLERK: Good morning.

Can I help you?

ALISON: Good morning. I got a

traffic ticket yesterday

for \$300. I want to pay

with time payments.

COURT CLERK: OK. Here is a form.

Please fill it out.

ALISON: How long can I take to pay?

COURT CLERK: 90 days.

ALISON: I get paid every week.

Can I pay \$25 per week?

COURT CLERK: Yes, that's good.

ALISON: Thank you. I'll see you

in one week.



## SAY THE WORDS

want pay

paid went

payment week

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# CIRCLE

1.	Driver's Name	SKAC	GII COUNT Public Si	Y DISTR afety Buildl		RT	
2.	Total Penalty		600 Sout Mount Ver	th Third Street 100, WA 98 336-9319	eet	•	
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7.	Did the clerk sign?YES	NO					
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# 10. If You Check Box #2: Community Service

#### WORDS FOR READING 10

judge

community

nursing homes

### **READING 10**

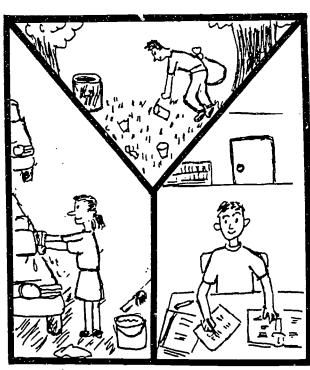
If it is very difficult for you to pay the money for your ticket, you can ask the JUDGE for a COMMUNITY SERVICE PLAN.

With a Community Service
Plan, you can work for the
the community to pay your
ticket fine.

For example, you can do community work such as:

- cleaning streets and parks
- washing police cars
- helping in public offices
- helping in NURSING HOMES





Community Service

To get the Community Service Plan, you must check BOX #2 on the back side of your citation.

At court the JUDGE will talk to you about how much community service you must do.



The judge at court

Questions for four
Did you know about community service before?
YESNO
Do you know any other examples of community service?
If you got a ticket, which would you prefer?
Time Payments
Community Service

1. I	f you canno	ot pay the whol	e fine, you can make	
t	ime payment	ts or <u>do co</u>	mmunity service	
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CIRCLE AND WRITE

# 11. Late Penalty

## WORDS FOR READING 11

decide

on time

working days

late penalty

total

### **READING 11**

If you get a traffic citation, you can pay the fine three ways:

- a) pay the whole fine at one time  $\underline{\text{or}}$
- b) pay with time payments or
- c) do community service

But, you must DECIDE
which way and tell the
court clerk within 15 WORKING
DAYS after you get the ticket.
It is very important to
do this ON TIME.

If you do <u>not</u> pay the whole fine <u>or</u> get a time payment plan <u>or</u> ask to go to court within 15 WORKING DAYS, you will have to pay a LATE PENALTY.

A late penalty is \$47.

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26	27	28	29	30					

wher.

Circle the date that is 15 days after you got the ticket.

Write the date\_\_\_\_

For example, Boris got a traffic ticket for \$200. He checked BOX 1 on his ticket. But if he does <u>not</u> pay his ticket fine on time, Boris will have to pay:

\$200 traffic ticket
+ 47 late penalty

\$247 TOTAL



Boris must pay \$47 late penalty because he did not pay on time.

Now, he must pay \$247 within 30 days.

## WHICH LETTER?

- 1. penalty
- 2. c\_\_tation
- 3. on tim\_\_\_
- 4. decid\_\_
- 5. tota\_\_\_

- 6. com\_unity ser\_ice
- 7. t\_\_me pa\_\_ments
- 8. <u>\_\_hole</u>
- 9. w\_\_thin
- 10. wor\_ing da\_s

## NOW, WRITE THE WORDS

- 1. penalty
- 2.
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. \_\_\_\_\_

- 6. \_\_\_\_\_
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- 9. \_\_\_\_\_
- 10.\_\_\_\_\_

## CIRCLE AND WRITE

1.	You must decide which way you will pay your ticket fine
	and tell the court clerk within 15 working days
(a)	15 working days b) 20 working days c) 25 working days
2.	If you do not pay your ticket on time, you will have to pay
a)	no penalty b) a late penalty c) everybody's penalty
3.	How much is a late penalty?
<b>a</b> )	\$37 b) \$47 c) \$57
4.	If your ticket is \$350 and your late penalty is \$47, how much
	money will you have to pay?
	a. \$397 b. \$367 c. \$376

# SAY THE WORDS

court clerk	within	whole
late penalty	decide	15
on time	now	50

# 12. Suspended License

### WORDS FOR READING 12

suspended

collection agency fee

increase

upset

#### **READING 12**

If you have to pay a late penalty,

<u>but</u> you don't pay your late penalty

<u>and</u> your ticket fine within 30 days,

you will have these <u>serious problems</u>:

your license
 will be SUSPENDED.

(When your license is suspended
 you cannot drive any car.)

2) And you will have to pay more money for a COLLECTION AGENCY FEE.
(A collection agency fee INCREASES every month if you don't pay it.)





## FINISH THE SENTENCE

If your license is suspended, you cannot \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_

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#### TALK WITH A PARTNER:

#### CONVERSATION BETWEEN

#### BORIS AND A FRIEND, MIKE

MIKE: Hi, Boris. What's the matter?

You look very upset.

BORIS: I'm very upset because my driver's license was suspended.

MIKE: Suspended! Why?

BORIS: Because I didn't pay my traffic ticket fine on time.

MIKE: Oh, no! Do you have to pay more money, too?

BORIS: Yes! I have to pay a late penalty and a collection agency fee.

MIKE: That's a lot of money!

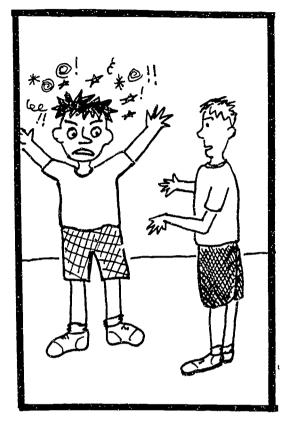
BORIS: And now I can't drive my car!

MIKE: That's terrible! You should pay that money!

BORIS: Yes! Mike, can you drive me to the court clerk's office?

I want to pay for all this now!

MIKE: Sure, Boris. Let's go!



## MATCH THE WORDS

On the line, write the letter of the words with the same meaning.

1. community service D

A. pay money little by little for ticket

2. time payments \_\_\_\_\_

B. \$47 for not paying ticket on time

C. fee that increases each month if you don't pay

4. suspended license \_\_\_\_\_

D. work for community to pay ticket fine

5. collection agency fee \_\_\_\_\_

E. stop your license

### CHOOSE THE WORDS

on time court clerk's office late penalty drive collection agency fee suspended

1. Boris is very upset because his driver's license was

- 2. Boris didn't pay his traffic ticket fine \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. He has to pay a  $\underline{\hspace{1cm}}$  and a
- 4. Now he can't \_\_\_\_\_ his car.
- 5. Mike will drive Boris to the \_\_\_\_\_

# 13. If You Check Box #2 (cont'd): Explaining the Ticket

#### WORDS FOR READING 13

Notice of Hearing

court date

judge

courtroom

explain

interpreter

reduce

may

your Honor

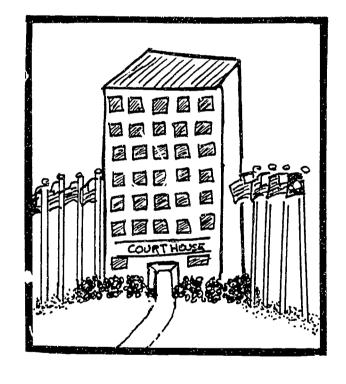
#### **READING 13**

If you check BOX #2 of your traffic ticket, you will get a green NOTICE OF HEARING from the court.

The Notice of Hearing will give you a COURT DATE for a hearing. An example of a court date is:

Friday, January 20 at 8:30 a.m.

On your court date, you must go to the courthouse and talk to the JUDGE.



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July	1,1994 at 9:30 (m) pm).
•	FAILURE TO APPEAR ON THE ABOVE DATE WILL RESULT IN THE SUSPENSION OF YOUR DRIVER'S LICENSE OR
بد	PRIVILEGE UNTIL THE ORIGINAL PENALTY PLUS \$47.00 HAS BEEN PAID THE UNPAID PENALTY MAY BE RE FERRED TO COLLECTION

This is a Notice of Hearing. What is the court date?

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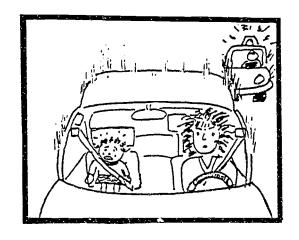
At the hearing, you can EXPLAIN to the judge why you violated the law.

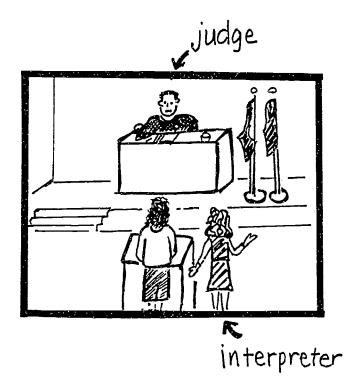
For example, your child was very sick and you had to drive fast to the doctor.

If you don't speak English very well, you can ask for an English INTERPRETER to come to your hearing.

To get an INTERPRETER, you must ask the court clerk at the same time you ask for a court hearing.

The interpreter will speak
English for you. You must
tell the interpreter what
you want to say to the judge.





After you or your interpreter talk to the judge, the judge MAY REDUCE the fine for your traffic ticket.

For example, if the fine was \$400, the judge may reduce it to \$300, or \$250.



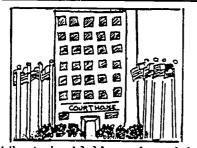
But, if the judge does <u>not</u> agree with you, you <u>must</u> pay the whole fine.

That languages do you speak?
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YESNO
hat is the address of the courthouse in your area

#### CIRCLE AND WRITE

1. The Notice of Hearing will give you a count date a) a birthdate b) today's date (c))a court date 2. On your court date you must go to court and talk to \_\_\_\_\_ a) the judge b) the police officer c) the doctor 3. At the hearing you can \_\_\_\_\_ why you violated the law. a) drive b) explain c) reduce 4. An interpreter \_\_\_\_\_ English for you at the hearing. a) speaks b) writes c) prints 5. The judge may \_\_\_\_\_ the fine for the traffic ticket.

#### WHAT'S IN THE PICTURE?



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Who is this?



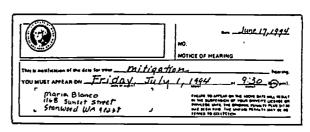
Who is this?





a) pay b) violate c) reduce

What room is this?



What is this?

#### SAY THE WORDS

court	reduce	pay
court date	hearing	35
courthouse	mile	54
courtroom	vour Honor	80

#### TALK TO YOUR PARTNER:

## SPEAKING WITH THE JUDGE IN COURT

JUDGE: You are charged with going 54 in a 35 mile zone. What would you like to tell me about it?

MARIA'S INTERPRETER: Your Honor, that day, my little girl was very sick. I was taking her to the hospital. I was very worried, so I went too fast.



JUDGE: All right. I'll reduce the penalty to \$80.

MARIA'S INTERPRETER: Thank you, your Honor.

JUDGE: How much time do you need to pay that?

MARIA'S INTERPRETER: Two months, your Honor.

JUDGE: All right. Pay by October 25.

MARIA'S INTERPRETER: Yes, your Honor. Thank you.

# 14. If You Check Box #3: Contesting the Ticket

#### WORDS FOR READING 14

contest

handicapped

witness

translate

cancel

dismiss the charge

court costs

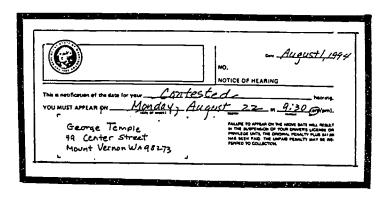
#### **READING 14**

If you check Box #3 of your traffic ticket, you will get a yellow Notice of Hearing from the court.

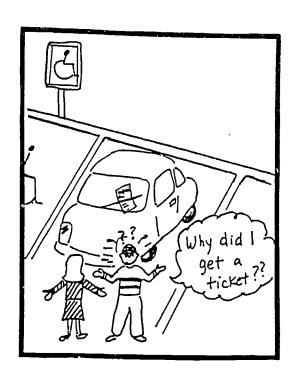
The Notice of Hearing will give you a court date for you to talk with the judge.

At court, you can CONTEST your ticket. <u>Contest</u> means you will tell the judge why you think you did <u>not</u> violate a law.

For example, your ticket said that you parked in a HANDICAPPED parking place. But you know that you did <u>not</u> park there. That's why you want to contest your ticket.



Notice of Hearing



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The Notice of Hearing will tell you about bringing a WITNESS to the hearing.

A witness is another person who knows about your ticket.

For example, a friend who was with you when you got the ticket is a witness.

Also, the officer who gave the ticket is a witness.

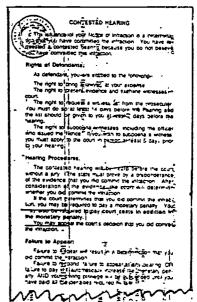
You must read the back side of the Notice. If it is too difficult to read, you should ask somebody to TRANSLATE for you.

If the judge believes that you did not violate the law he or she will CANCEL the fine and DISMISS THE CHARGE.

But, if the judge believes you violated the law, you must pay the whole fine.

You may have to pay <u>more</u> money for COURT COSTS, too, if you had a witness.







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## FINISH THE SENTENCES

1.	If you check Box #	3 of your traffic ticket,	you will get
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NOW, SAY THE WORDS (ABOVE)

# 15. If You Don't Respond to Your Traffic Ticket...

#### WORDS FOR READING 15

respond

add

late fee

suspended

charged

#### **READING 15**

If you get a traffic ticket, you must RESPOND to the ticket.

Respond means you must:

\* pay the fine

<u>or</u>

\* go to a court hearing.

If you don't respond to a traffic ticket within 15 days, the Court will ADD a \$47 LATE FEE. Then, if you don't respond within another 15 days, you will have to pay a collection agency fee, and your driver's license will be SUSPENDED.

If you drive after your license is suspended, you can be CHARGED with a crime and arrested.

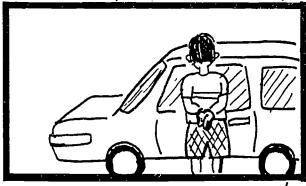
That's why it is very important that you always respond to a traffic ticket.

If you don't respond within 30 days,



your license will be suspended!

If you drive with a suspended license,



you can be arrested !

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1. Do you have a driver's license?			
2. Have you ever gotten a traffic citation?			
3. (If yes) In what city did you g	et it?		



# 16. You and the Criminal Citation

(Yellow Ticket)

#### WORDS FOR READING 16

violation

criminal

serious

intoxicated

reckless

hit-and-run accident

arrest warrant

#### READING 16

If your traffic VIOLATION is CRIMINAL, the police officer will give you a <u>criminal</u> <u>citation</u>. A criminal citation is a <u>yellow</u> ticket.

A criminal citation is more SERIOUS than a traffic infraction.

There are many kinds of criminal violations. For example,



- \* drunk driving
- \* RECKLESS driving
- \* driving with no driver's license
- \* driving with a suspended driver's license
- \* not stopping when a police officer says "Stop!"
- \* HIT-AND-RUN ACCIDENT (not staying at an accident)

If you get a criminal citation, you will have to pay a lot of money or go to court.

If you get a criminal citation, look at the Penalty/Bail line on the ticket. This will be for a lot of money. If you pay this amount, you do not need to go to court.

But, if there is no money amount, you must go to court. Look at the Appearance Date. This will give the date and time for you to go to court. You must go to court.

If you do not go to court, the judge will give the police an ARREST WARRANT for you. Then, the police can put you in jail.

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#### FIND AND WRITE

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# 17. If the Police Officer Arrests You

#### WORDS FOR READING 17

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silent lawyer

afford public defender

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#### **READING 17**

Sometimes a police officer will ARREST a driver for a criminal violation.

For example, an officer
may arrest a drunk driver or
a driver who does not stay
at a bad accident.

If an officer arrests you, the officer must read your RIGHTS to you. The officer may then put HANDCUFFS on you and take you to jail.

If an officer arrests you, you must tell the officer your name and your current address.







After you say your name and your address, you have a right to be SILENT.

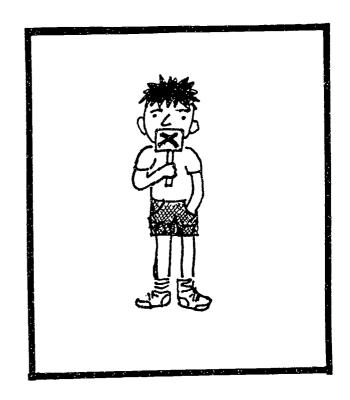
You also have a right to talk to a LAWYER. You may want to talk to a lawyer before you talk to the police.

If you cannot AFFORD a lawyer, you can ask for a PUBLIC DEFENDER.

A PUBLIC DEFENDER is a free lawyer.

If you cannot speak English well, you can also ask for an interpreter.

Remember, you should always be CALM and POLITE with police officers.





#### CIRCLE AND WRITE

- If you are arrested, you should say your name and address! 1. a.) address b. telephone no. c. social security no.
- 2. You have a right to \_\_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. be drunk b. be silent c. be violent
- You also have a right to speak with \_\_\_\_\_ 3.
  - a. a lawyer b. a criminal c. a mother
- 4. If you cannot afford a lawyer, you should ask for a
  - a. public school b. public holiday c. public defender
- 5. If the you cannot speak English well, you should ask for
  - a. an English book b. a teacher c. an interpreter
- 6. You should always be \_\_\_\_\_ and polite with a police officer.
- a. noisy b. calm c. criminal

#### WHAT'S IN THE PICTURE?

What is the police officer

doing?



Heis arresting the driver.

Why?

### SAY THE WORDS

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#### TALK TO YOUR PARTNER:

#### **CONVERSATION BETWEEN**

#### BILL AND A POLICE OFFICER

OFFICER: Sir, you are

under arrest for driving while intoxicated.

BILL: Yes, officer.

OFFICER: What is your name?

BILL: Bill Sano.

OFFICER: What is your current

address?

BILL: 59 River Road, Burlington

Washington.

OFFICER: You have the right to remain silent. Anything you say can and will be used against you in court. You have the right to have a lawyer present during questioning. If you cannot afford a lawyer, one will be appointed for you, and you will not be questioned until your attorney is present. Do you understand these rights?

BILL: Yes, Officer.

OFFICER: What country are you from, Mr. Sano?

BILL: Officer, I would like to talk to a lawyer.

OFFICER: All right. Do you have a lawyer?

BILL: No. I can't afford a lawyer. Please provide a free lawyer for me.

OFFICER: All right. We will provide a free lawyer.

Get into the police car, please.

BILL: Yes, Officer.

