On the road: traffic and driving

VOCABULARY PRACTICE
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Name: _____ Date: _____

1 Match each driving word with its meaning.

1 traffic jam ____	**a** a circular junction where roads meet
2 rush hour ____	**b** a busy time when many people travel
3 overtake ____	**c** a document that allows you to drive legally
4 speed limit ____	**d** a person walking, not driving
5 pedestrian ____	**e** a long line of vehicles that cannot move
6 roundabout ____	**f** to drive past another vehicle
7 breakdown ____	**g** the maximum speed allowed on a road
8 pull over ____	**h** to stop a vehicle at the side of the road
9 motorway ____	**i** a large road for fast, long-distance travel
10 driving licence ____	**j** when a car stops working suddenly

2 Choose the correct form.

1 We were stuck in a traffic jam / traffic jams.
2 He overtook / overtaked the slow car.
3 The speed limit here is / has 50 km/h.
4 She pulled over / pulled in to check the map.
5 Our car broke down / broke off on the motorway.
6 Watch out for pedestrian / pedestrians!
7 We drove around the roundabout / round-about.
8 I got my driving licence / driving license last year.

3 Complete the descriptions with words from the box.

breakdown | driving licence | motorway | overtake | pedestrians | pull over | rush hour | traffic jam

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Ana: She got her 1 _____ last month and now drives to work every day, even during 2 _____ when the roads are busiest.
Tom: He was stuck in a huge 3 _____ on the 4 _____ this morning, and a car had a 5 _____ in the next lane.
Leon: He always looks carefully before he tries to 6 _____ another car, and he always watches for 7 _____ crossing the road. Once, he had to 8 _____ because of a flat tyre.

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4 Match each word with its opposite.

1 fast ____	**a** slow
2 careful ____	**b** reckless
3 legal ____	**c** illegal
4 smooth traffic ____	**d** traffic jam
5 wide road ____	**e** narrow road
6 busy road ____	**f** quiet road
7 experienced driver ____	**g** learner driver
8 stop ____	**h** go

5 Read the text. Write T (true) or F (false).

A difficult commute

Marko drives to work every day, and rush hour is always the worst part of his commute. This morning, he got stuck in a long traffic jam on the motorway because of an accident. He had to pull over for ten minutes while emergency vehicles passed. A pedestrian later told him another driver had tried to overtake dangerously and caused the crash. Marko arrived at work an hour late.

1 Marko drives to work every day. T / F

2 The traffic jam was caused by good weather. T / F

3 He pulled over for ten minutes. T / F

4 A pedestrian gave him information. T / F

5 The crash was caused by dangerous overtaking. T / F

6 Marko arrived at work early. T / F

6 Complete the sentences with the correct preposition (in, on, at, over).

1 We were stuck _____ traffic.

2 She drove _____ the motorway.

3 He pulled _____ to answer the phone.

4 Look _____ the pedestrians before you turn.

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OVER TO YOU

Write a 70-90 word description of a difficult journey by car (real or imaginary). Include what went wrong and how it was resolved.

[ ] Use at least eight target words. [ ] Use past tenses accurately. [ ] Keep the description clear and easy to follow.

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ANSWER KEY

1 Driving words

1 e 2 b 3 f 4 g 5 d 6 a 7 j 8 h 9 i 10 c

2 Choose the correct form

1 traffic jam 2 overtook 3 is 4 pulled over 5 broke down 6 pedestrians 7 roundabout 8 driving licence

3 Descriptions

1 driving licence 2 rush hour 3 traffic jam 4 motorway 5 breakdown 6 overtake 7 pedestrians 8 pull over

4 Opposites

1 a 2 b 3 c 4 d 5 e 6 f 7 g 8 h

5 Reading

1 T
2 F - an accident.
3 T
4 T
5 T
6 F - he arrived late.

6 Prepositions

1 in 2 on 3 over 4 at

Over to you

Answers will vary. Check clear organisation, accurate forms and appropriate wording.