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## DEFENSIVE DRIVING

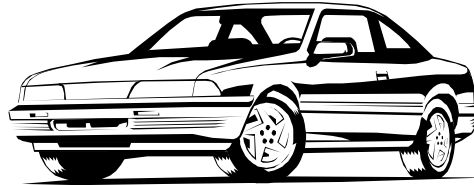
**Objective:** *Learners will understand how defensive driving helps predict and prevent accidents.*

### SAFE DRIVING

**Worksheet:** *Page 52*

**Learner's Workbook:** *Page 5*

1. Write the term "Defensive Driving" on the board or a large piece of paper where all can see. Explain this is a driving personality. These drivers watch for the actions of others, objects on the road, and weather conditions. They think in terms of accident prevention: paying attention, trying to predict what may happen, and reacting quickly. If a defensive driver sees an item in the middle of the road, he assumes it is something like a board with nails that could cause serious damage. The defensive driver remembers this rule: When in doubt, slow down. If something is not hazardous, only a few seconds of driving time are lost.
2. Inform learners how a defensive driver is constantly developing his driving skills. He is aware of the laws and follows them. Also, he is confident in his ability to predict and prevent possible accidents. Let participants turn to worksheet page 52, Learner's Workbook page 5. Have them list ways to be a safe driver.
3. Once group members have finished, discuss answers together.



### WHAT SHOULD YOU DO?

**Worksheet:** *Pages 53 and 54*

**Learner's Workbook:** *Pages 6 and 7*

1. Allow everyone to look at worksheet pages 53 and 54, Learner's Workbook pages 6 and 7. Select those who will read situations on the left column.
2. After each is said, ask learners: What kind of accident can best be predicted? What can be done to prevent it?
3. Choose volunteers to read the prediction and prevention on the right and middle columns out loud.

# SAFE DRIVING

On the lines below, list ways to be a safe driver. For these purposes, don't worry about grammar and spelling. The main idea is for you to participate.

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3. \_\_\_\_\_

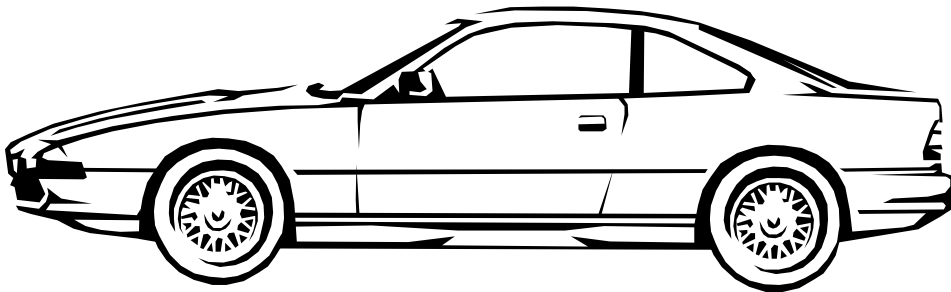
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# WHAT SHOULD YOU DO?

## Situation

## Prediction

## Desired Prevention

You are driving the speed limit when it begins to rain hard. You turn on your headlights, but the car in front of you does not and his brake lights don't work. He has been going 55 m.p.h. and continues at this speed despite road conditions.

The rain will make it harder to see when the car in front of you brakes or changes lanes. You could easily crash into the back of this vehicle.

You immediately slow down and change lanes when you can safely do so. If unable to, lower your speed to allow plenty of room between you and the car ahead.

You are traveling at 45 m.p.h. down a city street when a tire blows out.

It's possible you will lose control and hit someone or something.

Attempt to regain control, and try bringing the car back to the direction you were pointed in without jerking the steering wheel. Then, slow down little by little (do not slam on the brakes) and pull off the road.

