

Read the stories below carefully. Then, answer the comprehension questions by matching each idea to the correct speaker.

Emma

Yesterday morning, I set off for work, relying on my GPS to navigate the fastest route along the motorway. As I approached a junction, the device suddenly rerouted me through a scenic route along the river, which I hadn't expected. The narrow roads made it challenging to pass oncoming traffic, and I had to pull over twice to consult both the GPS and a paper map I keep in the glove compartment, just to make sure I hadn't missed a turn. Along the way, a cyclist appeared suddenly, forcing me to brake sharply, and I had to remind myself to check my blind spots carefully before attempting any overtakes. While I enjoyed the unexpected views of the river and countryside, the detour made me arrive later than usual, and I realized that relying too heavily on technology can sometimes create more stress than it relieves.

Jack

This morning, I joined the usual rush-hour traffic on the motorway, already feeling tense because of the sheer number of cars. Midway through the journey, my engine light came on, indicating a potential mechanical issue. I pulled over at the next service area, where I inspected the oil level, checked the tyre pressure, and verified that the fuel gauge wasn't empty. My clutch felt normal, but I decided it was safer to wait for advice from a mechanic before continuing. I also had to keep an eye on the GPS, which was suggesting a detour to avoid congestion, meaning I had to carefully navigate a series of unfamiliar side roads. Eventually, after a thorough inspection, I restarted the car and continued along a slightly longer route. The traffic wasn't much lighter, but at least I was confident that my car was safe to drive, and I felt relieved knowing that proactive checks had prevented a possible breakdown.



Sofia

This morning's commute was frustrating from the start, as the motorway was completely jammed with rush-hour traffic. Cars were inching forward, and impatient drivers began tailgating and honking incessantly, which escalated into minor signs of road rage all around me. I decided to follow the GPS's suggestion for a detour through a network of smaller side streets. The roads were narrower and had parked cars on both sides, so I had to remain extremely vigilant, constantly checking my blind spots and maintaining a safe distance from other vehicles. Occasionally, I had to slow down dramatically to avoid pedestrians crossing unexpectedly or cyclists weaving between traffic. Even though I arrived at work later than anticipated, I was proud of myself for staying calm under pressure and using the hazard perception skills I had learned. The experience reminded me that patience and attention to detail are just as important as speed when driving.

Liam

On my way to work, I was unexpectedly pulled over by the police at a junction near a busy motorway entry. The officer politely asked for my provisional licence, insurance, and car registration, which I provided without panicking. While waiting, I observed that traffic was starting to build up behind me, and my GPS suggested an alternative route to avoid congestion. Once the officer completed the check, I continued along the recommended detour, taking care to monitor my blind spots and maintain a safe distance from other vehicles. The experience made me reflect on the importance of keeping documents up-to-date and ensuring that I always follow traffic rules. Despite arriving slightly later than expected, I appreciated the reminder that driving isn't just about getting from A to B quickly—it's also about safety, preparation, and awareness.



Statements

- 1. Experienced a scenic detour that caused a delay.
- 2. Had to pull over twice to check directions.
- 3. Almost collided with a cyclist and had to brake sharply.
- 4. Engine light came on, prompting an inspection of oil and tyre pressure.
- 5. Took a detour after checking the car to avoid congestion.
- 6. Encountered rush-hour traffic with impatient drivers nearby.
- 7. Monitored blind spots constantly while navigating narrow roads
- 8. Arrived late but appreciated the unexpected scenery.
- 9. Was pulled over by police and had to show documents.
- 10. Followed GPS directions carefully to avoid stalling the car.
- 11. Maintained calm under pressure despite road rage from other drivers.
- 12. Stopped at a service area to inspect minor car issues.
- 13. Observed traffic building up behind while stopped.
- 14. Experienced frustration due to repeated detours.
- 15. Restarted the car after a safety check and continued driving.
- 16. Had to slow down for pedestrians and cyclists unexpectedly.
- 17. Reflected on the importance of hazard perception and patience.
- 18. Learned the value of keeping documents and insurance up-to-date.
- 19. Took an alternative route after the police stop.
- 20. Felt relief after confirming the car was safe to drive.

