

Driving In The UK Vocabulary

Vocabulary	Definition
Car insurance	Legal protection against damage, theft, or accident costs
Car seat	Seat designed for a child or passenger in a vehicle
Congestion charge	Fee for driving in certain city areas to reduce traffic
To depreciate	To lose value over time
Diesel	Type of fuel used in some vehicles
Drink-drive limit	Maximum distance or hours a driver may legally drive
DVLA	Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency in the UK
Fuel	Substance burned to power a vehicle (petrol, diesel)
Full licence	A driving licence with no restrictions
Hazard perception	Skill of noticing potential dangers while driving
Highway Code	Official UK guide to road rules and driving behaviour
To honk the car horn	To use the horn to warn or alert other drivers
International Driving Permit	Document allowing driving abroad
L-plates	Plates indicating a learner driver
Licence (provisional licence	Authorisation to drive; provisional is for learners.
Miles per hour (mph)	Unit of speed
Motorway	High-speed major road in the UK
MOT test	Annual safety and roadworthiness check for cars
On-street parking	Parking on the road rather than in a car park
P plates	Plates indicating a new driver who has recently passed the test
Penalty points	Points added to a driving licence for offences

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Permit	Official document allowing parking or driving in certain areas
Petrol	Fuel used in many vehicles
Pot holes	Small craters or depressions in the road surface
Practical test	Driving exam to demonstrate skill in real conditions
Pump number	Number at a petrol station used to pay for fuel.
Rental company	Businesses renting vehicles to drivers.
Seatbelt	Safety strap to protect passengers in a car
Speed camera	Cameras monitoring vehicle speed
To repair	To fix a vehicle
To service	To maintain a vehicle, checking engine, brakes, etc
Theory test	Written or computer-based driving exam
Toll road	Roads requiring payment to drive on
ULEZ (Ultra Low Emission Zone)	Area where high-emission vehicles must pay a charge
Vehicle	General term for cars, trucks, motorcycles, etc
Vehicle / road tax	Tax paid to use a vehicle on public roads