



Harry Marsh was a driving examiner who had to test people who wanted to get a driving-licence. One day he came out of his office as usual and saw a car at the side of the road, with a young man in it. He got into the car beside the driver and told him to check the lights, then the brakes and then all the other usual things. The driver performed everything promptly and faultlessly, without saying a word.

Then Harry told the driver to start his engine and drive forward. Then he told him to turn right into a side road, stop, go backwards into another side road and then drive to the office again.

On the way, the driver said to Harry politely, 'Could you please tell me why we are doing all these things? I was passing through this town and only stopped to look at my map.'

A Which of these sentences are true (T) and which are false (F)? Write T or F in the boxes.

1. People who wanted a driving-licence had to have a test first.
2. If a driver could check all the things like lights and brakes, Harry passed him.

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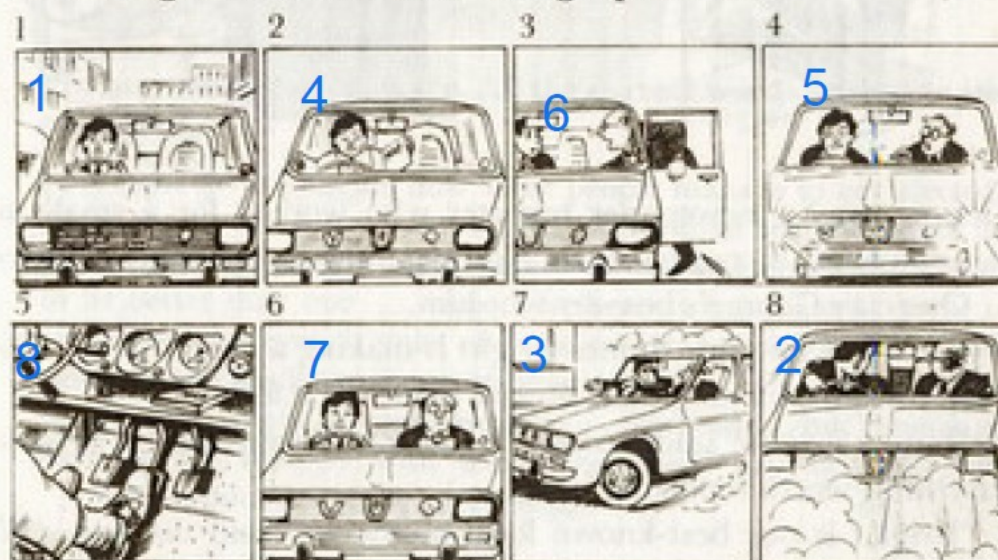
Outside the 2 075 headwords: licence

3. The young man had a lot of faults in his performance.
4. Harry gave the young man a driving test by mistake.
5. Harry asked the young man to drive him to his office because he was late.
6. The young man had not really come to have a driving test.

B Answer these questions.

1. What was Harry's job? *he was driving examiner*
2. What did he see outside his office one day? *he saw a car at the side of the road*
3. What did he do? *he got into the car beside the driver*
4. What did he tell the young man to do? *he told him to check the light*
5. What did the young man do? *the driver perform everything promptly*
6. What did Harry tell him to do after that? *told the driver to start his engine*
7. What did the young man ask him after he had finished? *could you please tell...*
8. Why had his car been parked outside Harry's office? *the man stopped to look at his map*

C Put the right sentences under the right pictures.



1. A young man was driving through a town alone.
2. And then he made him go backwards.
3. He made him turn right.
4. He stopped to look at his map.
5. He told the young man to check his lights.
6. Suddenly an older man got into the car.
7. Then he made him drive forward.
8. Then he told him to check his brakes.



George was a newspaper reporter who worked for a small local newspaper in a country town. Nothing much ever happened there.

One day George's boss sent for him.

'George,' he said, 'James Bright is making a speech at the Town Hall tonight. I want you to go and report on it for us.'

'James Bright?' said George. 'He's a terrible old fool. He never says anything worth reporting.'

'Bright is our best-known local politician,' said the boss. 'We'll have to print a report on that speech.'

So George went to the meeting and Bright spoke for two hours without stopping. When George got back to the office at last, the boss was waiting for him.

'Well, George,' he said. 'What did the old man say?'

'Absolutely nothing,' said George.

The boss wasn't surprised. 'All right, George,' he said. 'You'd better not write more than two and a half columns on it.'

Outside the 2 075 headwords: boss

A Which of these sentences are true (T) and which are false (F)? Write T or F in the boxes.

1. George was a journalist.
2. James Bright was a reporter too.
3. George did not have a high opinion of James Bright.
4. James Bright spoke for a long time.
5. George's boss told him to write quite a lot about his speech.

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B Answer these questions.

1. What did George's boss ask him to do one day? *he want george to go and report,,*
2. What did George answer? *he never says anething worth reporting*
3. And what did his boss say then? *bright is our best know local politician*
4. What happened at the meeting? *bright spoken for two hours*
5. What did George's boss ask him when he came back? *what did the old man say?*
6. What did George answer? *he said , absolutely nothing*
7. How did his boss feel about this? *he wasn't suprised*
8. And what did he tell George to do?

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C Put one word in each space. All the correct words are in the story on page 6.

It is difficult to imagine how some people manage to get elected to represent us. Many a . . . is much less clever than he pretends: in fact, he may be a complete Of course, our national representatives tend to be better than our . . . ones, but these at least usually know our problems. However, it must often be very annoying for a . . . who is working for a small newspaper to be sent by his . . . to . . . on a . . . made by someone whom he considers not . . . listening to. But newspapers have to fill their . . . with something every day, so they often . . . things which are really very boring.

politician

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