

The Big Picture 2

Materials and Resources for ESOL Tutors



3 Getting around

Lesson plan and exercises

Objectives

The students will be able to:

- understand how to get a driver learner permit
- fill out an application for the driver theory test



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3.1 Driver's Licence - Lesson Plan

Objectives:	At the end of the activity students will be able to understand how to get a first driver learner permit	
Functions:	Reading comprehension, sequencing	
Level:	Elementary Pre-Intermediate, Basic Literacy	
Materials:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• How I got my first time learner permit• Sentence Scramble Activity• Driver Theory Test Information Sheet	<ul style="list-style-type: none">page 54page 56page 57

Key Vocabulary

- theory test
- headphones
- registration fee
- full driving licence
- provisional driving licence

Instructions:

1. Ask if any students drove in their country and whether they had a licence. If so, ask them how they got their licence and what kind of licence it was. Ask if anyone has their Irish driving licence. Ask them what they had to do, or have students ask them questions. Students may have questions about different types of licences (heavy machinery, lorries, etc.).
2. Hand out the **How I got my provisional driving licence text**. The text can be studied in one or a combination of the following ways: The text is read aloud or played from a phone as students follow the text; the text is read aloud or played and students listen without looking at the text; the text is divided into sections (nine paragraphs or three to six sections) and students read a section and retell it to a partner or group; students read the text as homework or in class and then discuss unfamiliar or difficult words or phrases; words are taken out of the text and the text is used as a gap-fill exercise with a dictation or with students guessing or selecting answers from a list.
3. Hand out the **Sentence Scramble Activity Worksheet**. Have students work in pairs, groups or individually to reorder the sentences by putting the correct number in the box next to the sentence. Students may use the text as a reference. Model the first sentence. Explain that this is not a word-for-word reconstruction of the text but a description of what happened. Stronger students may want to try without referring to the text.

3.1 Driver's Licence - Lesson Plan (continued)

- 4 Another method may be to cut up the sentences and give each student or group of students a set. An enlarged version could be put on a large card, an overhead transparency or flip-chart and the teacher or students could order the sentences on the board, the transparency, flip chart or the wall. Alternatively, each student or pair of students could be given a sentence to put in the correct position on the wall or chart.
5. Check the order of the sentences as a class. If there are differing answers, have students indicate the section each sentence refers to.

Consolidation/extension activities:

- Read the text as a class exercise and do the sentence ordering as homework or as consolidation during the next class.
- Ask students to write or record their own stories of their own accomplishments. These could then be turned into similar exercises for class work and could also be accompanied by photos or illustrations.
- If enough students are interested in studying for their driving licence, incorporate this into the class syllabus. See Information Sheet and fill in the **Application for a Driver Theory Test** for practice.

Note

Numeracy extensions:

This section can be used to reinforce and develop a number of numeracy skills:

- Highlight the national convention of speed limit in km/hr.
- Use the costs of motoring in Ireland as an opportunity to develop language skills. Include, for example petrol prices, (average petrol consumption of different types of cars (miles per gallon, km/l), insurance and vehicle tax charges and regulations.
- Plan journeys using maps. Calculate vehicle costs for planned trips. Locate places on maps.

(Please refer to *Numeracy - some guidelines for the ESOL classroom*, page 91, for guidelines on good practice in the ESOL numeracy classroom.)

3.1 Driver's Licence - Text

How I Got My Driver's Learner Permit

When I came to Ireland, I wanted to get my driver's licence to be able to bring my kids to school and go shopping. But when I came to Ireland, I was not very good at reading and writing.

Then I studied reading and writing and wanted to improve myself, to achieve something like everyone else. I decided to take my driver's test, which involved a lot of reading and writing.

For 2 months, I studied at least 3 times a week. Sometimes I studied every day and when I went out, I used my phone to study on the bus.

After 2 months I went online and booked the driver theory test. I could take the test in Irish or English. If I had reading problems, I could wear headphones and listen to the test while I read it.



3.1 Driver's Licence - Text (continued)

I got a reply. It said I could take the Theory test. I took the test and listened to the test while I read. I got 36 answers out of 40 correct, so I got my provisional licence. I was very happy.

After that, I took some driving lessons because I couldn't drive well. My husband also helped me learn to drive.

Now I can drive around Dublin and take my kids to school and do the shopping. Next year, I might try for my full driver's licence, but now I am proud of my provisional licence.

Aminata, Ivory Coast

3.1 Driver's Licence - Sentence Scramble Activity



**Please put these sentences in order.
Write the correct number in each box.
The first one is done for you.**

- She decided to get her driver's licence.
- 1 She studied reading and writing.**
- She read information on the website.
- She took some driving lessons.
- She paid a registration fee online.
- She got her driver learner permit.
- She studied the information online.
- She took the theory test.
- She applied online.

3.1 Driver's Licence - Driver Theory Test Information Sheet

You must pass the driver theory test before you can get a driver learner permit.

How to book

You can book your theory test on the website www.theorytest.ie.

Preparing for the test

To prepare for the test you must study The Official Driver Theory Test revision material. You can find this on the www.theorytest.ie website or download the app on your phone.

You can also use The Official Driver Theory Test CD-ROM on a computer.

The Test

You take the test on a computer.

You do not need to know anything about computers before you do the test.

There are **40 questions**. They are multiple choice.

You must answer **35 questions** correctly to pass.

You get your results immediately.

Language Support

Sometimes it is possible to arrange the help of a translator.

3.1 Driver's Licence - Driver Theory Test Website

The website to book your test is www.theorytest.ie

Choose the category of Theory Test you wish to book:



The advertisement features a photograph of a woman and a man in a car, with the man pointing at a clipboard. A white box with the 'dt+ RSA' logo and the text 'Tástáil Teoirice Tiomána Driver Theory Test' is overlaid on the image.

Driver Theory Test: Car or Bike

Schedule your Theory Test at over forty Test Centres across Ireland. Purchase revision materials to help you prepare.

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The advertisement features a photograph of several red and yellow trucks. A white box with the 'DRIVERcpc RSA' logo and the text 'Driver Certificate of Professional Competency' is overlaid on the image.

CPC - Driver Certificate of Professional Competency

Prepare for your Driver CPC by completing your Step 2 Exam.

[Book your CPC Test](#)

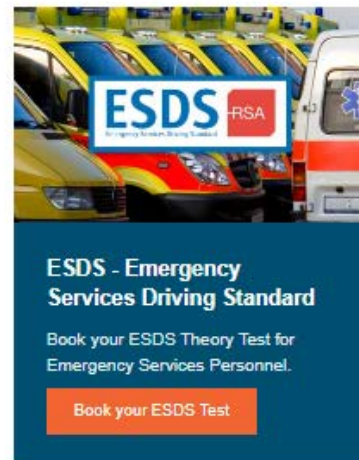


The advertisement features a photograph of a person in a blue shirt standing next to a car with a 'Licensed Driver' sign. A white box with the 'adi+ RSA' logo and the text 'Approved Driving Instructor' is overlaid on the image.

ADI - Approved Driving Instructor

How to meet the required standards for Approved Driving Instructors.

[Book your ADI Test](#)



The advertisement features a photograph of several yellow and red emergency service vehicles. A white box with the 'ESDS+ RSA' logo and the text 'Emergency Services Driving Standard' is overlaid on the image.

ESDS - Emergency Services Driving Standard

Book your ESDS Theory Test for Emergency Services Personnel.

[Book your ESDS Test](#)