The Bad Driver
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How to use this jigsaw:

Step One: (Teacher Preparation Stage): Photocopy 1/4 the number of copies of the jigsaw text and pictures as you have students. Cut each sheet of text and pictures into the 4 parts. Photocopy the follow-up task sheets (to be given out later).

Step Two: Preteach any new vocabulary, put students into groups, and give out an identical section of text to all members of a group. For a class of sixteen, your classroom should look like this:

A A   B B   C C   D D
A A   B B   C C   D D

Ask students to work together to memorize their section of text.
When students indicate that they're ready, take back the text passages.

Step Three: Regroup students into heterogeneous groups. Explain that they will be teaching the others their part of the story. At this point, for a class of sixteen, your classroom should look like this:

A B   A B   A B   A B
C D   C D   C D   C D

Go over comprehension checks before students begin telling their stories, such as:
Do you understand me? Should I repeat anything? What does that word mean? etc.

Ask students to begin telling their part of the story, starting with person A. Circulate to assist with any problems and to check comprehension.

Step Four: Once students have finished telling all parts of the story, distribute the group exercises and stress that the group should work on them together. When all groups have finished, take them up with the whole class.

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Vocabulary: *almost, beside, to drive, to drop, front, to hit, left/right lane, make-up, to pass, rear view mirror, scared, shaver, to signal, to want*

Part I: Jigsaw

John was driving in the right lane.
He wanted to pass the car in front.

A

There was a woman beside him in the left lane.
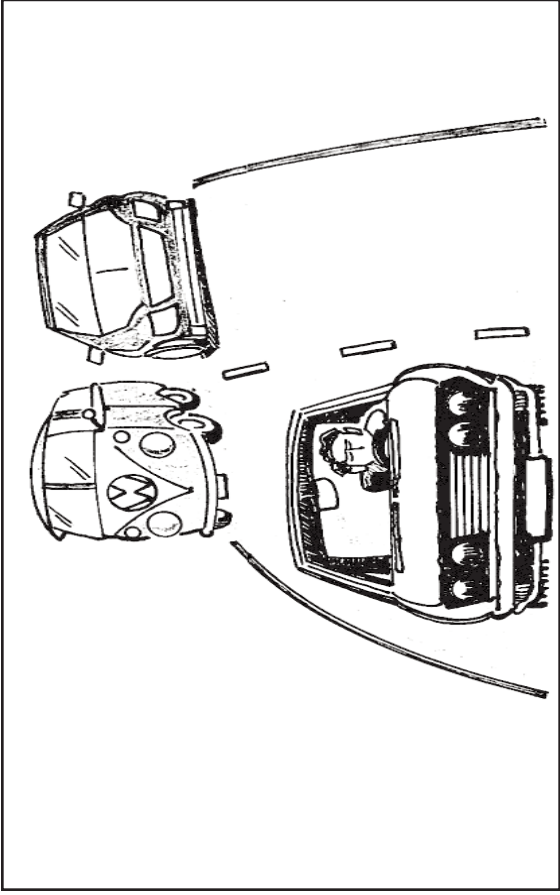John signaled, but the woman didn't see him.

B

John saw that the woman was looking in her rear view mirror,
putting on make-up!
Then, she almost hit John's car.

C

John was so scared that he dropped his shaver
into his cup of coffee.
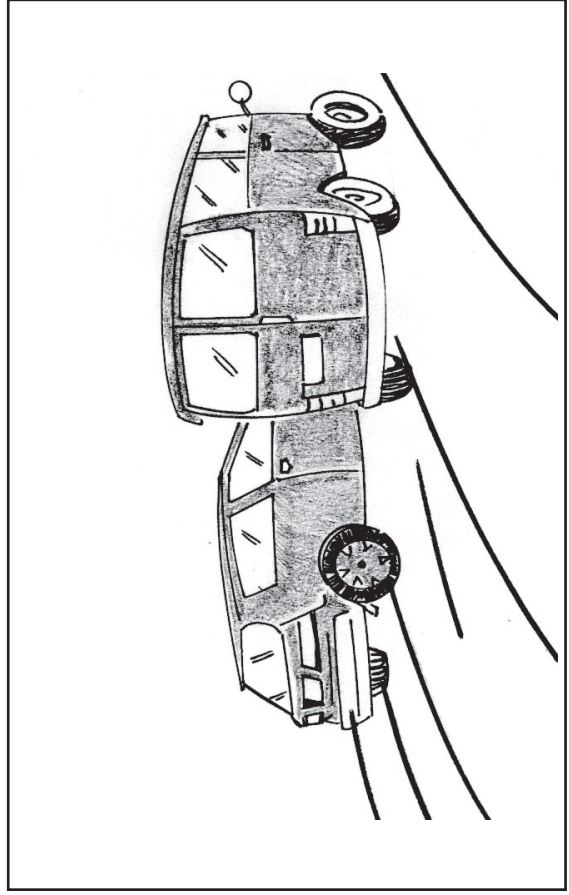"Women are very bad drivers!" John said.
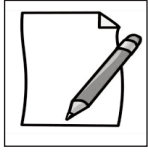
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The Bad Driver Picture B

The Bad Driver Picture D

The Bad Driver Picture A

The Bad Driver Picture C

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Part II: Questions about the Story
Answer together with your group.

1. Which lane was John driving in?

_____

2. What did he want to do?

_____

3. Who was driving beside him?

_____

4. Did John signal?

_____

5. Why didn't the woman see him?

_____

6. What scared John?

_____

7. What did John drop into his cup of coffee?

_____

8. What was John doing when he was driving?

_____

9. Was the woman a good driver?

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10. Was John a good driver?
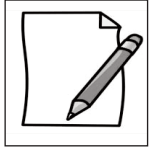
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Part III: Group Discussion

Choose a leader for your group. The leader makes sure everyone answers each question. The leader answers last.

1. Which person was a better driver, the man or the woman? Explain.

2. Who is usually a better driver, a man or a woman? Explain.
   Who has more car accidents--men or women?

3. Are there any women taxi drivers in your home country?
   Are there any women bus drivers in your home country?
   How many have you seen here? What other driving jobs do women do?

4. Here are some things that people do while driving. Which ones are okay? Circle.

a) putting on make-up	OKAY	SOMETIMES OKAY	NOT OKAY
b) shaving	OKAY	SOMETIMES OKAY	NOT OKAY
c) talking on a cell phone	OKAY	SOMETIMES OKAY	NOT OKAY
d) listening to the radio loudly	OKAY	SOMETIMES OKAY	NOT OKAY
e) reading a map	OKAY	SOMETIMES OKAY	NOT OKAY
f) talking to other people	OKAY	SOMETIMES OKAY	NOT OKAY
g) changing the radio station	OKAY	SOMETIMES OKAY	NOT OKAY
h) text messaging	OKAY	SOMETIMES OKAY	NOT OKAY
i) eating food	OKAY	SOMETIMES OKAY	NOT OKAY
j) smoking	OKAY	SOMETIMES OKAY	NOT OKAY
k) drinking coffee	OKAY	SOMETIMES OKAY	NOT OKAY

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Part IV: Cloze Exercise

Please complete the story, together with your group.

John was driving in the right _____(1). He _____(2) to

_____(3) the car in _____(4). There was a woman

_____(5) him in the left lane. John _____(6) but the

woman didn't see him. John saw that the woman was looking in her rear

_____(7) mirror, putting on make-up! Then, she

_____(8) hit John's car. John was so _____(9) that he

_____(10) his _____(11) into his cup of coffee.

"Women are very bad _____(12)!" John said.