

Exercise Two

Text A

Two motorway patrol officers on the M25 motorway around London were sitting in a lay-by next to the inside lane when a car in the outside lane suddenly stopped opposite them. 'We're lost' shouted driver Peter Cray across the two lanes, as the cars which were following braked and began crashing into each other. Cray was charged with parking on a motorway and was banned from driving for a year.

Text B

A motorist sped past a carload of policeman at 160 km/hr while he was shaving with an electric razor. The 22-year-old salesman came up behind the officers on the M40 motorway as they were traveling to a conference. The salesman flashed his lights at the unmarked car, and the overtook it on the inside lane. As he shot past, one of the officers show him his identity card through the window so the young man took the next exit from the motorway. However, he was caught, banned from driving for seven months, and fined €600.

Text C

In 1993, a pensioner was prosecuted by the police. He had caused a 25 mile traffic jam behind him because he had been driving so slowly.

Text D

At the age of 84, Rosie Milvain became the oldest person ever to have passed the driving test. In actual fact she had already been driving for 67 years, but had been forced to take one after being fined for dangerous driving. Unfortunately, the day after Rosie made history, her brand new car was stolen while she was doing her shopping. Naturally she prosecuted the theft to the police, However, when the police finally discovered the car a few hours later it had not been stolen at all. She had forgotten that she had left it in a nearby car park.