

THE **SLANGMAN** GUIDE TO  **STREET SPEAK 1**  
POPULAR AMERICAN IDIOMS & SLANG

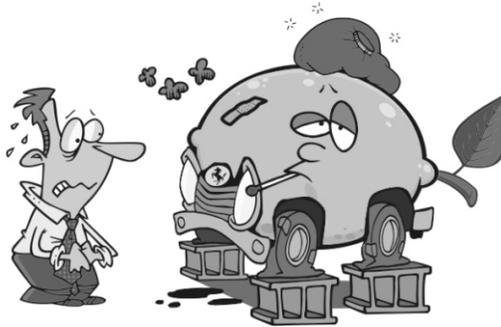
LESSON **7** **ON THE ROAD**

**1. MATCHING**

Match the idiom or slang words with their definition by writing the correct letter in the box. You will only use each letter once. **(14 pts)** *Knock 'em dead!*\*




1. **blowout**
2. **totaled**
3. **to run a light**
4. **a spin**
5. **to punch it**
6. **fender-bender**
7. **rush hour**
8. **to hop in**
9. **to get hauled in**
10. **bumper-to-bumper traffic**
11. **cop**
12. **lemon**
13. **wheels**
14. **to have a lead foot**



- A. to accelerate suddenly
- B. minor car accident
- C. police officer
- D. the time that everyone is driving on the road
- E. defective car
- F. flat tire
- G. to get in
- H. destroyed
- I. heavy traffic
- J. to drive through a red light
- K. to get arrested
- L. a short drive
- M. a car
- N. to have a tendency to drive fast



\*Knock 'em dead! = A common reduction of Knock **them** dead! meaning "Go impress everyone!"

**2. FILL IN THE BLANKS**

Fill in the conversation with the correct idiom or slang words in the box. You will only use each answer once. **(7 pts)**



<b>ran a light</b>	<b>hailed in</b>	<b>lead foot</b>
<b>fender-bender</b>	<b>cop</b>	
<b>rush hour</b>	<b>lemon</b>	

- Person A:* What is this traffic violation for?

*Person B:* Oh, that's from when I wasn't paying attention and \_\_\_\_\_.  
I didn't even see it turn yellow.
- Person A:* I got into a car accident yesterday when I went to *catch a movie*.

*Person B:* Oh, no! Are you okay?

*Person A:* Yeah, it was just a small \_\_\_\_\_. There wasn't any damage to the cars.
- Person A:* Hi, Mom. I'm calling you from the police station.

*Person B:* What?! What happened!?

*Person A:* I got \_\_\_\_\_ by a \_\_\_\_\_ for driving without a license.
- Person A:* You need to slow down!

*Person B:* I'm only driving 5 miles per hour over the speed limit.

*Person A:* You're driving a lot faster than that! You really have a \_\_\_\_\_!
- Person A:* I like to leave work a little bit later in the evening.

*Person B:* Why?

*Person A:* So I don't get stuck in \_\_\_\_\_ traffic.
- Person A:* I'm so upset about my new car.

*Person B:* Why?

*Person A:* I thought it was perfect, but it turned out to be a \_\_\_\_\_. It has so many problems.

**3. TRUE OR FALSE**

Decide if the sentence is either true or false by placing a check in the appropriate box. **(7 pts)**



1. **Person A:** Hello. Is this roadside service?

**Person B:** Yes it is. Thank you for calling. What's the problem with your vehicle?

**Person A:** I got a **blowout** on the highway.

*There is something wrong with person A's car engine.*

True       False

2. **Person A:** What happened to your car in the accident?

**Person B:** It's completely **totaled**.

**Person A:** I'm sorry to hear that!

*Person B will be able to get his/her car fixed.*

True       False

3. **Person A:** It's such a beautiful night!

**Person B:** I know! Do you want to go for a **spin** with the windows down?

**Person A:** Sure, that sounds great!

*Person A and Person B are going to drive around in the car.*

True       False

4. **Person A:** I need to get over in the right lane.

**Person B:** When the light turns green, **punch it** and get in front of the car next to you.

*Person B wants Person A to wait patiently after the light turns green.*

True       False

5. **Person A:** What are you doing?

**Person B:** I'm waiting for the bus to go to work.

**Person A:** **Hop in!** I'd be happy to give you a ride!

*Person A wants Person B to get in the car.*

True       False

6. **Person A:** I am thinking of moving out of Los Angeles.

**Person B:** Why? You've lived here all your life!

**Person A:** Because I'm so tired of sitting in **bumper-to-bumper traffic**.

*Person A thinks Los Angeles isn't crowded enough.*

True       False

7. **Person A:** I'm so excited! I just got a raise at work!

**Person B:** That's great! Congratulations! What will you buy with your money?

**Person A:** I'm finally going to get some new **wheels!**

*Person A is going to buy a new car.*

True       False

**4. YOU'RE THE AUTHOR!**



Finish the conversation using the idioms and slang words in the box. We'll start the dialogue for you based on the situation below.

*Note:* You may need to change the form of the words to be grammatically correct in your conversation. It should be a complete conversation and it should include *all* of the words in the box. You will be graded on whether or not the idioms and slang words are used correctly. **(15 pts)**



*Situation:* Michael's mom, Denise, is teaching him how to drive. Michael has never driven before and his mom is very nervous. She is trying to give him instructions, but he isn't really listening to her. He thinks he knows what he is doing.

<b>to run a light</b>	<b>a cop</b>
<b>a lead foot</b>	<b>a fender-bender</b>
<b>bumper-to-bumper traffic</b>	

*Denise:* Make sure you go nice and slow down this street.

*Michael:* I know, Mom!

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