

CARS & DRIVING



RELAY DICTATION: janes road test

INSTRUCTION SHEET

INSTRUCTIONS:

A (true!) story of someone learning how to drive. Students are divided into groups of three. The classroom desks/tables are arranged so there is a row of desks at one end of the room, facing another row of desks opposite. The floor is cleared between the two sets of desks. Student A has the text and sits at one set of desks. Student B sits at the other set of desks, with a pen and blank piece of paper. Student C has no materials, and will be the “runner” between students A& B (This should be an able-bodied student). Student A will read (without showing) the text to student C. Student C will listen, memorize, then run and relay the information to student B, who will write it down on the paper. (Student C should not read or write anything.) Students may work one word at a time, or with larger phrases. When all the relaying is done, the three students should sit together and compare the original text and the relayed text for accuracy.

REQUIRED STRUCTURES:

REQUIRED VOCABULARY: *signed up, picked up, nervous, more and more, comfortable, behind the wheel, parallel, finally, examiner, anything the matter, engine, car running*

GROUP SIZE: 3 students per group

HANDOUTS: Jane’s Road Test worksheet (one per student A)

OTHER MATERIALS REQUIRED: pen and blank paper for Student B, desks rearranged as described above.

RELATED GRAMMAR: simple past tense, context clues

FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITIES:

The original text can be cut into strips and rearranged in the right order.

Discuss students’ driving test experiences

compare the number of attempts needed to pass the road test



JANE'S ROAD TEST

Jane wanted to learn how to drive, so she signed up for some driving lessons.

Every Tuesday afternoon, the driving instructor picked Jane up at her house, and she practised driving.

Jane was nervous at first, but with more and more practice, she became comfortable behind the wheel.

She practised driving on the highway, stopping on a hill, turning left, and parallel parking.

Finally, she was ready for her road test.

Jane went to the Driver Services Centre for her road test, and met the examiner beside the car.

They got in the car, and the examiner told Jane she could start when she was ready.

Jane waited.

The examiner asked her if anything was the matter.

Jane didn't know how to start the engine! Her driving instructor always had the car running when he picked her up for her lessons!

Jane failed her road test.