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**Level/Grade:** First Intermediate

**Book Title:** Iraq Opportunities

**Lesson Title:** Accidents

**Time:** 20 Minutes

## Car Accidents

### Introduction:

One of the principal activities of a government is the enactment of laws to protect the public. In this lesson, students will explore the importance of obeying laws by looking at car accidents.

### Link with Integrity and Anti-Corruption Education:

Citizens in a country have a responsibility to their country and the other citizens. As citizens, they agree to obey the laws. When people don't obey the laws, then they no longer have integrity and have corrupted the system of government. Breaking traffic laws may seem like a minor matter but in terms of loss of life and property, it is an important matter and the responsibility of all citizens.

### Objectives:

The student should be able to:

- Identify different causes of car accidents
- Identify the consequences of car accidents

### Concepts:

- Public responsibility

- Law

### Values and trends:

Every citizen in a country has the responsibility to obey the laws of that country for the protection of its citizens.

### Teaching strategies and classroom management:

- Discussion
- Survey
- Group work
- Analysis

#### Activity:

According to the World Health Organization, 3000 people die on the world's roads every day and several millions are injured or disabled each year. Over 120 people are dying every hour and hundreds are becoming severely disabled and injured.

*How many people in your community have been in car accidents?*

In a group, create a survey and find out how many people have had car accidents this year and what caused the accident.

### Notes to the teacher:

Vocabulary: car accidents, die, injured, disabled, community, survey,

1. Introduce key vocabulary in the activity. Have the students read the activity.
2. Discuss with students about the traffic and car accidents in their areas. What, they think, causes most accidents?

3. Discuss the purpose of the survey to find out what causes most accidents in their area and put the students into groups.
4. Discuss with class the items that need to be in the survey. Let the students design the survey but guide them as to what are relevant questions. Discuss which items represent drivers disobeying the law.

#### **Some Possible Questions for Survey:**

Have you been in a car accident in the last 12 months?

How many accidents?

What was the cause of the accident?

- Distracted driving (eating, using a cell phone)
- Speeding
- Reckless driving
- Running red lights
- Running stop signs
- Overtaking other cars (unsafe passing)
- Unsafe lane changes
- Wrong way driving
- Weather (rain, dust storm, etc.)
- Mechanical problems

Was anybody hurt or injured?

How much did the accident cost to repair the car?

5. Have the students survey adults about their accidents, and then put the group's results together and analyze. What can they conclude?

#### **Evaluation:**

What were the main causes of car accidents in your area last year?

How many of car accidents were caused by disobeying the laws?

#### **Teacher's Notes:**

1. Have the students present their results and discuss how many of the accidents were caused by disobeying the law.
2. What do they think about the results?
3. Why do we have laws? To protect people. Should we always follow the law? Yes, a good citizen and moral person does.

### Extracurricular Activities:

The World Health Organization (WHO) has developed a plan to try to improve road safety and decrease injuries and deaths due to car accidents. The **Global Plan for the Decade of Action for Road Safety 2011-2020** outlines a framework of activities that a country can do to develop their own plans.

Visit the WHO website page: [Decade of Action for Road Safety 2021-2030](#), and read about the project. Then develop a campaign with a partner to help improve road safety in your area.

### Supplementary Information:

- Car accidents are one of the most common sources of personal injury. Contrary to popular belief, most car accidents occur within five kilometers of home, not while people are travelling on vacations.
- Male drivers cause twice as many accidents as female drivers; a recent survey has found. And the bigger the car's engine, the greater the chance of cars accidents.
- Sports cars and hatchbacks were found to be at highest risk.
- There are situations where someone may intentionally crash into your car. Even though the damage to your car may be small, the dishonest driver of the other car is looking to cash in on a big insurance payoff. That driver may make claims against your car insurance company for fake serious injuries.
- According to the World Health Organization, 3000 people die on the world's roads every day and several millions are injured or disabled each year. 124 people are dying every hour and hundreds are becoming severely disabled and injured. In addition, road accidents cost about \$ 600 billion to governments in different economies, a figure that is equivalent to the combined GDP of almost all the developing countries in the world.

