

# License, Please

## Pre-reading



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### Questions:

- When is it good to have your driver's license with you?
- To whom have you had to show your license?

### Definitions:

- Headlight – a light in the front of a car
- Fine – an amount of money that is paid for breaking a law or rule

## Reading

14 Dave just finished working the night shift. He is driving home. He sees red  
flashing lights. It is a police car. Dave stops his car on the side of the road.

31 The officer comes to the car. He says, "Sir, you have a headlight out. It is the  
48 one on the right. It needs to be fixed. Please show me your driver's license."

66 Dave looks in his wallet. His license is not there. He says, "I left my license  
69 at home."

85 The officer replies, "It is the law to have your license with you when you are  
87 driving. You will have to pay a fine. The cost of not having your license with you  
103 when you're driving is \$102."

120 Dave sighs and says, "I didn't know that. I'll have it with me from now on."  
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## Understanding

1. Why does Dave stop his car? \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. What needs to be fixed on Dave's car? \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. What does the officer ask to see? \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. Why does Dave have to pay a fine? \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. How much is the fine? \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Writing

Choice A: Retell the story in your own words.

Choice B: Have you ever been stopped by the police? If yes, how did you feel? What did you do?

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