



09 - VOCABULARY: PHRASAL VERBS FOR DRIVING



Back up - Reverse; move a vehicle backwards: *He backed up close to the gate.*

Break down - Stop working: *The car broke down on the way home.*

Change up - Start using a higher gear: *When he got on the motorway he was able to change up to fifth (gear).*

Change down - Start using a lower gear: *I changed down from fourth to third as we approached the town.*

Cut in/ Cut off - Suddenly move very closely in front of another vehicle in a dangerous manner: *That car just cut in/cut me off and I almost hit it!*

Drive off - Leave a place in a vehicle: *The bank robber drove off in a black car.*

Drive on - Continue driving: *That's my boss: Don't stop –drive on! I don't want him to see me.*

Drop off - Take someone somewhere (by car): *Jack dropped me off at the station.*

Fill up - Put fuel in the tank: *I'll stop at a petrol station and fill up.*

Knock down - Hit someone with a vehicle: *A cyclist was knocked down by a truck.*

Pick up - Go somewhere in your car and collect someone: *John offered to pick up his colleague at the bus stop.*

Pull in - Move to a designated place at the side of the road: *A police car signalled to me to pull in.*

Pull off - Leave the road momentarily: *I was tired from driving so I pulled off for a rest and a cup of coffee.*

Pull out - Move out from the roadside onto the road: *A motorbike suddenly pulled out in front of me.*

Pull over - Move over to the side of the road: *She pulled over to make way for the ambulance.*

Pull up – Stop: *All vehicles must pull up at the traffic lights.*

Slow down - Reduce the speed: *The driver slowed down in front of the school.*

Speed up – Accelerate: *I'll have to speed up if we want to arrive on time.*