

TESOL - What to do if you are pulled over by a police officer?

2 Handouts

From textbook: *Future 1: English for Results*, D. S. Pittaway, 2010, Pearson/Longman, Unit 10, pp. 191 -192.

True or False

1. When a police officer is following your car and turns on his/her flashing lights, you should pull over to the left. (false)
2. After you pull over, you should get out of the car. (false)
3. Keep you hands on the steering wheel when you stop and wait for the officer to talk with you. (True)
4. Give the police officer your identification (driver's license), proof of insurance for your vehicle and car registration (Note: tabs on your car are not enough but your car must have tabs or you might get a ticket) (true)
5. Don't argue with the police officer. (True)
6. You must pay the police officer immediately if you receive a ticket for a violation of the law. (False)

Put these activities in order.

Cut these activities into strips of paper - one sentence each - for students to use their thinking skills to determine in what order each action should happen.

- Pull my vehicle over to the right side of the road, away from traffic.
- Do not get out of the car. Keep you hands on the steering wheel.
- Answer the officer's questions (Note "have you been drinking?" is a question specifically about alcoholic beverages.)
- Ask the officer if you can get your Identification out of your pocket/purse/glove compartment.
- Do not argue with the police officer about a violation.
- Do not pay the officer for a ticket but read the ticket for information about when fines are due and if you want to protest the ticket, how to do so.
- Present my driver's license, vehicle registration and insurance documents.