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Grammar in the News

6-year-old Boy Calls 911 to Report his Father's Driving

- **Complete the paragraph by circling the correct words.**

6-year-old Robbie Richardson says he **(1)**_____ to be a policeman when he grows up. On Saturday 28 May, 2016, Robbie was driving with his father, Mike, to **(2)**_____ to a car wash when his father **(3)**_____ through a red light. "I told him to stop," said Robbie, "but he **(4)**_____ listen." Mike told his son that it **(5)**_____ okay because there **(6)**_____ no other cars. However, Robbie said that it wasn't okay. When they **(7)**_____ home, Robbie called 911 and told them what happened. He said, "My daddy **(8)**_____ past a red light. He has a black truck. He was in the brand new car, my mommy's car." The police then asked to **(9)**_____ to his father, who said, "Oh, no!" and that he was sorry. Robbie said he **(10)**_____ about traffic lights in kindergarten, and that if it happens again, he will **(11)**_____ an eye doctor to fix his father's eyes. Robbie's mother said that she **(12)**_____ proud of her son.

1.

- (A) wants
(B) wanting
(C) is wants

2.

- (A) went
(B) go
(C) going

3.

- (A) drove
(B) drives
(C) drive

4.

- (A) wasn't
(B) weren't
(C) didn't

5.

- (A) was
(B) were
(C) did

6.

- (A) was
(B) did
(C) were

7.

- (A) was got
(B) got
(C) get

8.

- (A) goed
(B) was go
(C) went

9.

- (A) spoke
(B) speak
(C) speaks

10.

- (A) learned
(B) learn
(C) was learned

11.

- (A) called
(B) call
(C) calls

12.

- (A) are
(B) were
(C) is

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Vocabulary Practice

- **Match the words on the left with the meanings on the right.**

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| 1. grow up | <u> E </u> | A. a place where you can use water to clean your car |
| 2. car wash | _____ | B. red, green and yellow lights used for drivers |
| 3. drive through | _____ | C. the level in school before grade 1 |
| 4. truck | _____ | D. very new |
| 5. brand new | _____ | E. to become an adult; to no longer be a child |
| 6. traffic lights | _____ | F. to continue to drive past a place |
| 7. kindergarten | _____ | G. to have a good feeling about someone or something |
| 8. proud of | _____ | H. a vehicle similar to a car used to carry heavy things |

How Much Do You Understand?

- **Write 'T' (True) or 'F' (False) next to each statement.**

1. _____ Robbie is a policeman.
2. _____ They didn't see any other cars at the traffic lights.
3. _____ The boy made the phone call after they got home.
4. _____ The car did not belong to his father.
5. _____ Robbie said that his father is a doctor.
6. _____ Robbie's mother felt bad about what happened.

Discuss

- **Discuss the following questions with your classmates.**

1. Do you think calling 911 was a good idea? Why? / Why not?
2. Do you think Robbie's father was happy about the call? Why? / Why not?
3. Is it ever okay to drive through a red light? Why? / Why not?

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Grammar Focus Past Simple

Level Lower Intermediate

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My Notes



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| 1. A | 7. B |
| 2. B | 8. C |
| 3. A | 9. B |
| 4. C | 10. A |
| 5. A | 11. B |
| 6. C | 12. C |

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● **Vocabulary Match**

1. E
2. A
3. F
4. H
5. D
6. B
7. C
8. G

● **How Much Do You Understand?**

1. F (*He wants to be a policeman.*)
2. T
3. T
4. T
5. F (*He said he will call a doctor if it ever happens again.*)
6. F (*She felt good about what happened.*)

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