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## **Fully Automatic?**

I went to pick up a lady for her first driving lesson in an automatic. I knocked on the door and introduced myself.

Upon driving to a quiet side road we started chatting about the driving experience she has had before, she was looking more and more worried as we arrived at the quiet road to begin her first lesson.

She then pointed to the steering wheel and asked what it was!

I explained, and she then said "oh there must be a mix up, as I booked an automatic lesson."

"yes" says me "this is an automatic, it has no clutch or gears"

"oh no" she said "I can't do steering!!!!"

She then asked me to take her home.

**In Essex, United Kingdom**

## **Stuck in a Fjord**

A couple of years back I took pupil down a back road, we got a puncture and as a tyre place was only a mile away we decided to carry on to it. The tyre was pretty knackered anyway.

The route included going through a fjord...

We get to it, and it looks a bit deep but its passable. My student begins to question it, but I say it's fine just go slow and keep revs high. Halfway through she just stops. Water starts to seep in. The car stalls and now it won't start, so I try to bump it out on the starter motor, until it starts smoking and then goes flat.

She screams and stands on seat, I get out and more water pours in. I try to push the car out, it's stuck, so then I have to ask her for help.

So now we are both up to our knees in the river and push, it begins to move again until we get to an incline. The car won't go any further because of the puncture!

An hour later she got dad to pick her up and I'm being towed out by AA. 1 week later the car finally dried out. New starter motor and air filter. AA repairman said if there was no major engine damage then I should buy a lottery ticket, so I did, and won a tenner!

She passed her driving test too!

**In Essex, United Kingdom**

## **When is a question stupid?**

Most of the time I tell my pupils that there is no such thing as a stupid question, however recently I found someone who without doubt obviously thought about it and decided it was a challenge and not just a statement.

I'll set the scene we were parked in a side road facing down towards the local beach, right opposite a slipway which lead down into the water.

His question was "what would happen if I drive the car down the slipway into the water?"

I responded with "you'd get hurt and if the water didn't do it, you'd get hurt".

I've never said "there's no such thing as a stupid question" again.

**In Southend-on-Sea, United Kingdom**

## **The Pheasants**

When out training the competitors on the TV program Britains Worst Learners, I was in Hampshire teaching a lady who was, shall we say, easily distracted. She wanted to point out where she did her shopping, her favourite bingo hall and even where her husband had a night out with his friends.

After asking her to concentrate a little more, we found ourselves in the countryside. On either side of the road were dry stone walls approximately 7 feet tall. Now, normally this wouldn't be a problem, but a family of pheasants were in the road having a mid morning stroll. The closer we got the quicker they ran until we got within about 50 feet and the lady driving decided to start shouting "we're going to kill them".

Knowing that pheasant could fly I told her to keep going, she gripped the wheel tighter and tighter. Now knowing she was getting stressed I expected her to brake hard in the middle of the road. What I didn't expect her to was exactly what she did, put both hands over her eyes and start screaming they're dead aren't they, over and over.

I grabbed the wheel and brought the car to a stop, we also had to stop off at the next conveniences.

**In Hampshire, England, United Kingdom**

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