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A- A week later Sikiru had to start his new job in Kano. On Monday morning he was packing his cases when a smart white car stopped outside his cousin's house in Surulere.

Bola : Hey, Sikiru ! The car has come to take you to Kano.

Sikiru : What ! Already ? I haven't finished packing yet.

Bola : Didn't you pack your cases last night ?

Sikiru : Yes, most of them, but I've still got some things to put in this one.

B- While the driver was putting the cases in the boot, Sikiru say goodbye to his family. Then they left Lagos and drove north to Kano. While they were driving along, Sikiru tried to read a book. The car was going too fast and the road was too bumpy, so he couldn't read, and he began looking at the countryside. Suddenly they went round a sharp bend and saw a huge hole in the middle of the road.

C- Sikiru : Hey ! Be careful ! Look out ! There's a hole.

Driver : I know, and there's another car coming towards us.

Sikiru : Well, slow down then ! Slow down !

Driver : I can't stop. We're going too fast. Look out !

While Sikiru was shouting at the driver, the driver was trying to stop the car. He put his foot on the brakes, but it was too late. Their car crashed into the hole. There was a loud bang. They skidded across the road and hit a baobab tree.

D- Sikiru : You fool ! We've hit the tree ! Why don't you drive more carefully ?

Driver : It wasn't my fault, was it ? Why don't they mend their roads up here ?
Look, I've cut myself.

Sikiru : Look, those other people have stopped to help us.

Other Driver : Hallo. What's happened ? Have you hurt yourselves ?

Sikiru : The driver's cut himself, but it's not serious. But we've damaged the car.

Other Driver : You were driving too fast, weren't you ?

Diver : No, we weren't. We were only doing fifty miles an hour.

Other Driver : What ! That was much too fast. This is the worst bit of the road round here.
They haven't repaired it for years. Hey, look at your front tyre.

Sikiru : Yes, I know, we've got a puncture. We'll have to change the wheel.

Other Diver : There's a garage in the next town. They'll be able to mend it for you.
Goodbye. You'll drive more slowly in future, won't you ?

EXERCISES :

A- Are these sentences true or false ? Discuss your answers with your neighbour.

- 1- Sikiru drove the car to Kano.
- 2- Sikiru put the luggage in the boot.
- 3- Sikiru couldn't read in the car.
- 4- His driver drove badly.
- 5- They crashed into a tree.
- 6- Their back tyre was flat.
- 7- There weren't any other cars on the road.
- 8- The garage changed their wheel.

B- Sikiru was very angry with the driver. What did he say ?

“ You nearly killed us both, didn't you ? ”

- 1- You saw the hole, ... ?
- 2- You always drive too fast, ... ?
- 3- You weren't looking at the road, ... ?
- 4- Now we won't get to Kano today, ... ?
- 5- Now we'll have to change the wheel, ... ?
- 6- You didn't check the brakes, ... ?
- 7- You were going too fast, ... ?
- 8- It was all your fault, ... ?
- 9- Mr Musaya will be very angry, ... ?
- 10- You could see the other car, ... ?