

# Motorway Accident



One sunny summer day I was on a busy motorway driving back home from work. Suddenly I noticed that the traffic was slowing down and three motorway lanes were closed.



One mile later, I saw that there was a big lorry with a **punctured** tyre across the motorway lanes.

The three emergency services had also arrived at the scene of the accident: a police car, a fire engine and an ambulance.

The police had come to **investigate** the circumstances of the accident and to control the traffic. The firemen were checking for any petrol spills and the paramedics from the ambulance were providing treatment to the driver of the lorry.

Fortunately, the driver did not look seriously injured and his lorry was not badly damaged. The police soon got all the traffic moving again, and I wasn't too late home.

## Vocabulary:

**puncture** - make a small hole in a tyre

**investigate** - discover and examine the facts of an accident to establish the truth



# Answer the questions.

1. What time of year was it?

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2. What was the weather like?

dry

rainy

cloudy

3. Why was the lorry blocking the motorway lanes?

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4. Who came to help?

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5. Why do you think the police arrived at the scene of the accident?

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6. Was the accident very serious? Explain your answer.

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7. Match the words from the text (in **bold**) with the words that have the same meaning.

**suddenly**

*luckily*

*offer*

*change*

*facts*

*re-organise*

**circumstances**

**injured**

*wounded*

*unexpectedly*

*fortunately*

*provide*

