

Driver's License

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BEFORE YOU READ: What steps do you have to take to get a driver's license?

I needed to buy a car. I was in the U.S. for three months, and I needed a job. I needed to go to school to learn English. To do these things, I needed a car.

To buy a car, I first needed a driver's license. I watched a driving program online. It was free. I learned the rules for how to drive in the U.S. I studied online for one month until I learned all the rules about driving. Then I took the written test. I passed the first time!

After I passed the written test, I had a learner's permit. Then I asked a family member for the car, so I could take my driving test. I already knew how to drive. My sister taught me in Ciudad Juarez.

After I got my license, I studied online about how to buy a car. I watched videos on YouTube about the importance of credit and how to pay a fair price. With a car, I could get my first job and start school.



AFTER YOU READ:

1. What steps did Lourdes take to get her driver's license? How does having a car make a difference in her life?
2. How did Lourdes use YouTube? Have you ever used YouTube to learn something? Explain.

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What Is Credit?

Lourdes watched YouTube videos about the importance of credit. Credit is your ability to buy something and pay for it later, sometimes with interest. For example, if you buy a TV with your credit card, you walk out of the store with the TV, but you don't pay for it until your credit card bill comes due. Or if you get a loan to buy a car, you use the car while you pay the bank back for the loan. The better your credit is, the more you can borrow. How can you establish good credit?