

Recalling the Facts

Introduction: Students will listen to an oral presentation in order to record and recall information.

Directions: Explain to the class that you are going to read a short summary of an incident. Instruct the students to listen carefully as if they were private detectives as they will be asked to recall information presented in the article. Read aloud the following article one time at a reasonable pace.

Story:

It was about 7:15 am when I was traveling north on Main Street. Since I had an early appointment with a customer, I decided I had better get to work early to organize my desk. As I was nearing the intersection of Main Street and Montana Avenue, I heard a screeching sound from behind. Upon looking in my rear view mirror, I saw the horrified look on the driver's face in the front seat. Before I knew it, my three year old car was jolted forward. I was then hit by a pick-up truck that was coming from the east.

Chris Matthews, the driver of the car that hit me in the rear, Gerry Anderson, the driver of the pick-up truck, and I exchanged licenses and insurance information.

During the exchange of licenses, Officer Thomas arrived on the scene in patrol car number 47. By the time I arrive at work, I had missed my 8:30 am appointment.

Questions: Recite the following questions and have the students write down their answers on a piece of paper. Correct answers are included after each question.

1. How many vehicles were involved in the accident? *three*
2. For what reason was the person telling the story going to work earlier than usual? *Had an early appointment*
3. At the intersections of which two roads did the accident occur? *Main and Montana*
4. What was the name of the driver of the pickup? *Gerry Anderson*
5. What was the number of the patrol car that came to the scene of the accident? *47*
6. What two items did the drivers exchange at the scene? *Insurance and license*
7. In what direction was the pick-up truck going when it struck the car? *West*
8. What time did the teller of the story arrive at work? *After 8:30 am*
9. What was the name of the person telling the story? *Narrator is not identified*

Reread the passage and have students correct any answers as they listen again.