

**Study Guide for “If the Police Stop You”**  
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**Pre-reading discussion questions:**

1. Have you ever been in a situation where the police stopped the car you were riding in? How did you feel when this happened?
2. In the U.S., what information do you need to provide if the police stop you? What might happen if you do not have this information with you?
3. In what ways are the police in the U.S. similar to/different from the police in your home country?

**Vocabulary:**

Panic	Steering wheel	Appropriate	Ticket
Mirror	Glove compartment	Flashing	Inconvenient

**Post-reading discussion questions:**

1. If you see a blue flashing light in your car rear-view mirror, you should:
  - a. panic.
  - b. ignore it and turn your radio up loud.
  - c. remain calm.
2. What is the first thing you should do?
  - a. Take your car to a mechanic as soon as possible.
  - b. Check to see that it is the police and then pull over to the side of the road as soon as you safely can do so.
  - c. Signal to the people behind you that you want to turn left.
3. Why does the writer recommend that you put both hands on the top of the steering wheel?

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4. Should you reach for your wallet right away? Why?

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5. When should you lower your window?

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6. What is the police officer going to ask you for?

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7. What should you do if your information is in your glove compartment? Why?

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8. What should you do if you do not understand the police officer? Why?

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9. How many times has the writer been stopped in the last 5 years?

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10. Why did the police stop her each time?

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11. Did she get a ticket? Why?

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12. How are the police in the U.S. different from police in Italy?

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**What is the main idea of this story?**

- a. If the police stop you, there are certain things you should and should not do in order to get through the experience successfully.
- b. If the police stop you in Italy, you are almost sure to get a ticket.
- c. Sometimes the police in the U.S. stop you in order to give you advice and educate you about your driving.

**Write your experience:**

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**If the police stop you in my home country, there are certain things you should know and do.**

**One thing is**

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**Another thing is**

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**In conclusion,**

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