

Stop - This is the Police!

It was an early evening in November and John Smith was on his way back to England. He had visited a friend in Lens, a French city near the Belgian border. Now he just wanted to get back to his family in London.

Suddenly he saw blue lights in his rearview mirror! A French police car had followed him for a while and now the police men wanted him to stop his car. So he stopped his car at the hard shoulder and opened his window. One of the police officers walked up to his window and spoke to him in clear English:

P.O.: Good evening, this is just a routine traffic control could you please give me your driver's licence and because your number plate says you're British also your passport.

J.S.: Of course Officer. Here is my driver's licence and my British passport.

The police officer looked carefully through the documents. He then said:

P.O.: Mister Smith I am sorry but we have a little problem here. Your driver's licence is invalid! Would you please come with me back to the police car. We have to fill in some papers.

Mister Smith was a little bit surprised but he followed the police man. Inside the police car the French police officer gave him a document. Mister Smith read:

First name and last name, that's easy:

John Smith.

Now next question: "Where were you born?"

In London.

and of course my date of birth:

3rd July 1975.

Also I have to tell them which nationality I am:

I am British.

So only two more questions.

Have you got a valid passport?

Yes I have.

Oh have you got a valid driver's licence?

No, I haven't.

At the end he put his signature under the document and gave it back to the police officer. And that was it! The police officer thanked him and opened the door. Mister Smith was happy. He didn't have to pay a penalty and could continue his trip home now.

1.) New words:

English	German
border	Grenze
rearview mirror	Rückspiegel
hard shoulder	Standstreifen
driver's licence	Führerschein
passport	Ausweis
documents	Dokumente
number plate	KfZ Kennzeichen
invalid	Ungültig
papers	Papiere
first name	Vorname
last name	Nachname
Where were you born?	Wo sind Sie geboren?
date of birth	Geburtsdatum
nationality	Nationalität
signature	Unterschrift

2.) Exercises:

Find the opposites to these words:

valid

men

open

stop

give

Find synonyms:

some

document(s)

passport

give back

penalty

continue

Explain in your own words:

Passport

number plate

3.) Translate:

You and your father are in a bank in England! Your father wants to open a new account, but his English is not so good! Please help him to understand the questions and translate his answers into English!

You: Good morning we would like to open a bank account!

Bank: Of course no problem, let's fill in this document!

You: _____

Dad: Aha alles klar! Lass uns anfangen!

You: _____

Bank: First I need your first name and your last name and your address!

You: _____

Dad: Bernd Stein, Manor Road, Nantwich, CR4 9ST.

Bank: I also need the date of birth and the place of birth from your Dad!

You: _____

Dad: Ich bin am 24.07.1960 in Düsseldorf geboren. Und ich bin Deutscher!

You: _____

Bank: I also need a valid passport or identity card to see if your personal data is correct!

You: _____

Dad: Oh ich habe meinen Ausweis zu Hause vergessen aber ich habe meinen Führerschein dabei! Ist dass auch ok?

You: _____

Bank: Sure that is OK! Just give it to my and I can make a copy for the bank.

You: _____

4.) Writing Exercises

-Write a short CV about your personal data using most of the new words!

-Du bist ein Zollbeamter am Flughafen. Gerade ist ein neues Flugzeug gelandet und du hast ein verdächtiges Ehepaar mit 2 Koffern gesehen! Du möchtest die beiden genauer unter die Lupe nehmen. Schreibe min. 5 Fragen auf, die du die Eheleute fragen würdest.