

1 Manners and Responsibilities Associated with Driving

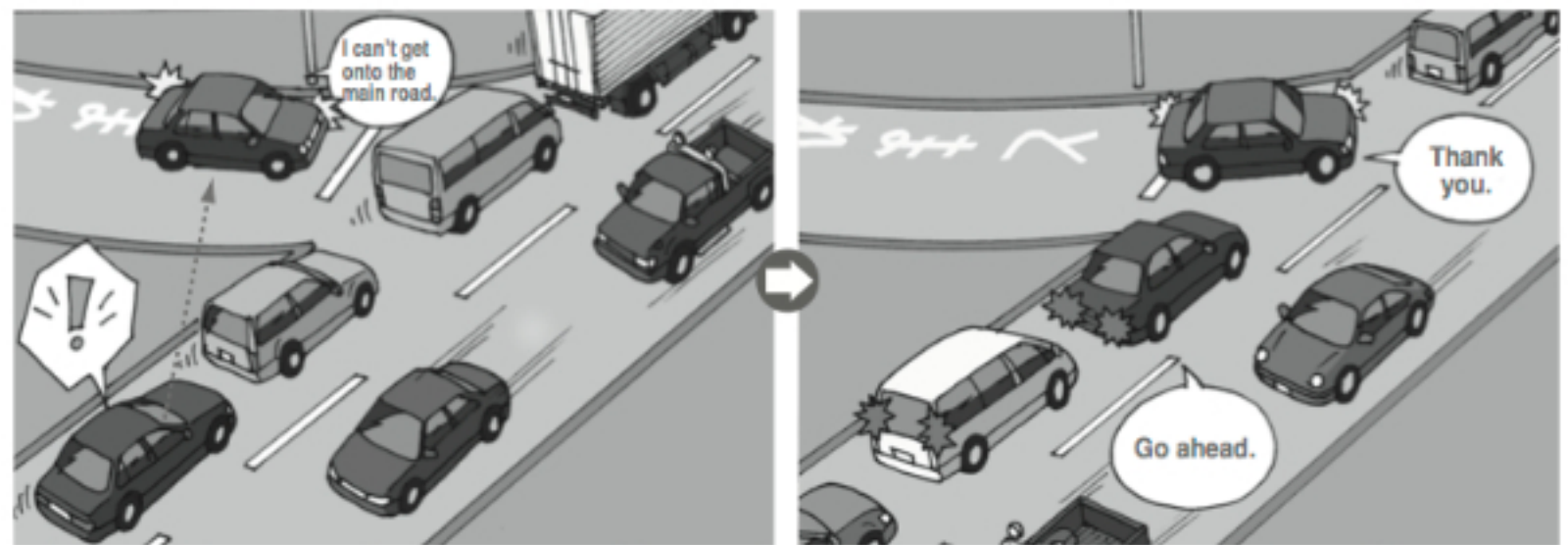
Being able to drive a car broadens your range of movement and can make your daily life richer, by allowing you to go wherever you want whenever you want to. However, there is always an element of danger associated with driving. A moment's loss of concentration can result in an error with tragic consequences that are irreversible.

As someone who will shortly be joining the community of drivers, it is essential that you learn to obey all applicable rules and regulations. Furthermore, you must show consideration for other drivers and endeavor to make your driving abilities as safe as possible, for yourself and for others.

1 Give-and-Take and Consideration for Others

When you are driving you will occasionally see pedestrians who wish to cross the street but are unable to, or other drivers who wish to enter the flow of traffic from a side street but cannot. At times like this it is important to consider more than just the rules and regulations of the road. You must also make an effort to see things from the other person's point of view and apply the principle of give-and-take.

The principles of **give-and-take and consideration for others** are important when driving; they make the driving experience more pleasant for everyone.



If the road is congested and you spot a driver who is unable to enter the flow of traffic from a side street...

2 Taking Care Not to Inconvenience Others

When driving a car you must not think only of your own convenience. It is important also to consider other drivers, pedestrians, and those living alongside the road on which you are driving. You must avoid making excess noise or parking in places that will inconvenience others.

Furthermore, actions like throwing rubbish (such as empty drink cans or cigarette butts) or placing other unwanted items onto the road are not only inconsiderate of others, but can also cause accidents.



Leaving your engine idling¹ can annoy others.

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Idling...

This term refers to the situation in which the vehicle is stopped but the engine is running at low speed (i.e., the accelerator pedal is not depressed).

Quick Hint

Driving with Consideration for the Global Environment...

Carbon dioxide and other components of automobile emissions are known to increase global warming. Unless something is done to curb the rate at which automobile emissions are being produced our children and grandchildren will have to deal with serious problems such as abnormal weather conditions, more frequent occurrence of natural disasters, and food shortages. To help prevent adding to global warming drivers can take steps such as avoiding unnecessary engine idling and excessively rapid acceleration.