**Car accident**

**Answer the questions:**

1. Have you ever been in a car accident?
2. Is it possible to avoid a car crash?
3. What is the main cause of car wreck?

**Read and pronounce correctly.**

inappropriate - [ˌɪnəˈprəʊprɪɪt]

concrete - [ˈkɒŋkriːt]

significant - [sɪɡˈnɪfɪkənt]

collide - [kəˈlaɪd]

damage - [ˈdæmɪdʒ]

In an accident resulting from inappropriate speed, this concrete truck **rolled over** into the front garden of a house. There were no injuries, but significant **damage** was caused.

A car accident, sometimes called **a car crash** or **car wreck**, is an incident in which an automobile **collides** with anything that causes damage to the automobile, including other automobiles, telephone poles, buildings or trees, or in which the driver **loses control** of the vehicle and damages it in some other way, such as driving into a ditch or rolling over. Sometimes a car accident may also refer to an automobile striking a human or animal. Car crashes — also called road traffic accidents (RTAs), fender benders, traffic collisions, auto accidents, road accidents, personal injury **collision**s, motor vehicle accidents (MVAs), — **kill** an estimated 1.2 million people worldwide each year.

to roll over - переворачиваться

damage - повреждение

a car accident = a car crash = a car wreck – автокатастрофа, ДТП

to collide - сталкиваться

to lose control – терять управление

to kill - убивать

to strike – ударить, сбить

collision – столкновение

**Answer the questions:**

1. What is a car accident?
2. What can cause a car wreck?
3. How many people are killed annually in road accidents?
4. How many names of a car accident do you know?

**Find the English equivalent in the text:**

Скорость, транспортное средство, травма, ров, человек, приблизительно, во всем мире.

**Reasons of car accidents**

**Read and pronounce correctly.**

survey - [ˈsɜːveɪ]

intelligence - [ɪnˈtɛlɪdʒ(ə)ns]

disastrous - [dɪˈzɑːstrəs]

restrictive - [rɪˈstrɪktɪv]

anesthesia - [ˌænɪsˈθiːzɪə]

precipitously - [prɪˈsɪpɪtəsli]

Cars are commonly regarded as the most dangerous means of transport, which has been verified by many surveys. The number of deaths on roads is still increasing, even though in 2009 it amounted 93 people killed per day in the United States of America. Obviously, the main reason for the violent deaths are accidents. Why do they happen so often?

The main reason for the fatalities is not bad condition of the roads or the cars, but people’s mistakes, their **rashness** or even their lack of intelligence. Namely, 57% of the collisions in 1985 **happened** because of driver factors. It hasn’t changed until today. Nowadays people tend to live in a hurry, and that transfers into their “road behavior” as well. That is why so many drivers don’t care that much about the speed. Especially they shift too fast when the roads are empty or when they are in a rush, which often seems to be disastrous to them. It’s very important to always follow the **speed limit**.

The American law is very restrictive when it comes to driving under the influence. The indicant of [BAC](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Blood_alcohol_content)(blood-alcohol concentration) is very low – it amounts only 0.08%. Nevertheless, there are huge number of people who get killed under the influence. 41% of all **accidents are alcohol-related**. This is regarded as crime, which happens to be very often committed, especially by young people. It is the way in which some of them choose to commit suicides.

What is more, people often **get interrupted** while sitting behind the wheel, which can also cause an accident. In many cases they create the distraction on their own, for example by using cell phones or even doing make-up while driving. Under no circumstances can those two activities be done in a car. When people do not pay attention to what is happening on the road, the probability for accidents happening gets higher. According to the survey, half a million collisions happen per year due to women’s perfecting of their make-up while travelling.

There are people who decide to drive when they shouldn’t, especially when they are not aware of the danger. When taking drugs, it is important to read a flier in advance in order to get to know whether one can sit behind the wheels under the influence of such medicines. It is also forbidden to drive after surgery, especially after receiving sedation or anesthesia. Medicines like those (and many others) make someone feel drowsy and can slow reflexes. People also shouldn’t drive when **feeling tired** (one can easily **fall asleep** then) or stressed out (when someone’s mind is too preoccupied and cannot concentrate on the road).

As to sum up, I can say that the number of accidents on the roads could be precipitously limited if people were more aware of the mistakes they shouldn’t make and if they could make a good use of their brain when travelling and before sitting behind the wheels.

rashness – поспешность, безрассудность

to happen - случаться

speed limit – ограничение скорости

accidents are alcohol-related – аварии, связанные с высоким содержанием алкоголя

to get interrupted - отвлекаться

to fall asleep - уснуть

to feel tired – чувствовать усталость

1. Авария – это столкновение двух или более транспортных средств.
2. Аварии часто случаются по вине водителя.
3. Количество аварий, связанных с высоким содержанием алкоголя увеличивается.
4. Часто происходят аварии на пешеходных переходах (pedestrian crossing).
5. Из-за высокого содержания алкоголя в крови мы можете лишиться прав (driving license).
6. На дороге вы должны соблюдать скоростной режим.