

Strategies for Communication with Non-Native Speakers of English and Examples of Driver Interview Questions

Inspectors may explain in English or any language that can be understood by the driver, that (1) the inspector should conduct their portion of the driver interview in English; (2) as a means of establishing the driver's ability to communicate (speak) in English sufficiently, the inspector will be evaluating the driver's ability to respond in English, so drivers should respond to the driver interview questions in English; and (3) if the inspector determines the driver is unable to respond sufficiently to official inquiries in English, the inspector should cite the driver for a violation of section 391.11(b)(2).

The inspector should speak slowly, but naturally; be mindful not to rush the questions; and paraphrase (in English) as appropriate.

No.	General Driver Interview Questions	Possible Paraphrases
1.	Where did you start your trip today?	"Where are you coming from?"
2.	Where are you driving to today?	"Where are you going today?"
3.	How long have you been driving today?	"What time did you start today?" and "What time are you planning to stop driving today?"
4.	What are you "hauling" today?	"What's in your truck/trailer?" or "What cargo do you have in your truck/trailer?"
5.	Who are you driving for today?	"Who are you working for?" or "Who is paying you for the load?" or "What is the name of your employer?"
6.	What is the telephone number for the trucking company you are driving for today?	"What telephone number would you call if you had a problem today?" or "What telephone number at the company would you call if you had an accident today?"

7.	Show me your driver's license please.	"Show me your CDL."
8.	Show me the proof of insurance for your vehicles (If applicable).	"Where is your insurance card?"
9.	Show me the registration for your vehicle(s).	"Where is your cab card?" or "Where is your IRP cab card?"
10.	What year was your truck manufactured?	"What is the year of your truck?" or "What year was your truck made?"
11.	Did you perform your pre-trip inspection before you started driving today?	"Did you do your pre-trip inspection today?"
12.	Do you use time cards, an ELD, or a log book?	"How do you report the time you worked?" or "Do you use a time clock at work?"
Hazardous Material Questions (If applicable)		
13.	What hazardous materials do you have on the truck today?	"What hazmat do you have on board today?" or "What hazmat do you have in the truck/trailer?"
14.	What telephone number would you call in case of an emergency?	"What telephone number would you call if you had a problem today?" or "What telephone number at the company would you call if you had an accident today?"

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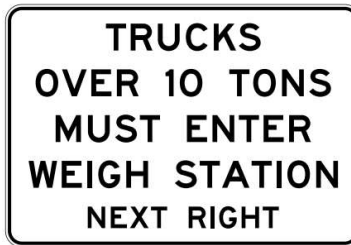
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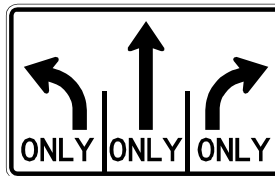
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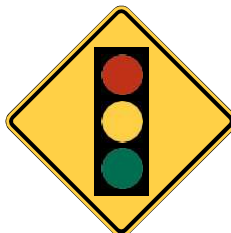
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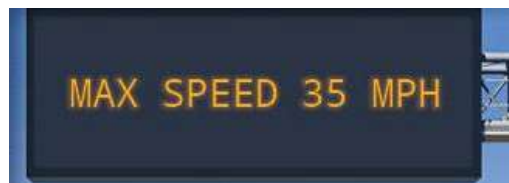
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