

This quiz is based on the 6 minute English feature 'Dhaka traffic':

http://www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice/learningenglish/radio/specials/144_6minute/ and go to October 2008.

1. You and your friend are in your car on a road where there are so many other cars you hardly move. Suddenly your friend's mobile rings - someone wants to know where she is. She might say, '_____'.
 - a) I am stricken with traffic
 - b) I am struck by traffic.
 - c) I am stuck in traffic.
 - d) I am stuck-up.
2. Talking about a road with too many cars, complete this sentence: 'The traffic is very ____'.
 - a) hard
 - b) heavy
 - c) difficult
 - d) uneasy
3. 'A traffic _____' is when a lot of vehicles are close together and can't move or can only move very slowly.
 - a) confiture
 - b) compote
 - c) jam
 - d) marmalade
4. When traffic moves in a crazy, disorganised way, we may call it '_____'.
 - a) misery
 - b) trouble
 - c) calamity
 - d) chaos
5. In certain busy areas you have to pay a charge for driving your car. What is it called?
 - a) A congestion fee
 - b) A congestion charge
 - c) An overcrowding fee
 - d) An overcrowding charge
6. Waiting in traffic can be very boring. Which of these does NOT mean 'very boring'?
 - a) long and monotonous
 - b) not interesting or exciting
 - c) tedious
 - d) frustrating

ANSWERS

1. You and your friend are in your car on a road where there are so many other cars you hardly move. Suddenly your friend's mobile rings - someone wants to know where she is. She might say, '_____'.
a) and b) Sorry, this expression does not exist.
c) This is correct.
d) Sorry, 'stuck-up' is used disapprovingly to describe someone who is too proud and considers himself or herself to be very important.

2. Talking about a road with too many cars, complete this sentence: 'The traffic is very ____'.
b) 'Heavy' - this is correct.

3. 'A traffic _____' is when a lot of vehicles are close together and can't move or can only move very slowly.
c) 'Jam' - this is correct.

4. When traffic moves in a crazy, disorganised way, we may call it '_____'.
a) - c) Sorry, this is not the best word to use. Try again.
d) 'Chaos' - this is correct.

5. In certain busy areas you have to pay a charge for driving your car. What is it called?
a) 'A congestion fee' - although most people will understand what you mean by this, there is another, more accurate answer.
b) 'A congestion charge' - this is correct. The aim of congestion charges is usually to reduce traffic.
c) and d) Sorry, this expression does not exist.

6. Waiting in traffic can be very boring. Which of these does NOT mean 'very boring'?
a) - c) Sorry, this is just another way of saying 'very boring'.
d) 'Frustrating' - this is correct. It means 'very annoying, because it stops you achieving something that you want to achieve'.

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http://www.bbc.co.uk/apps/ift/worldservice/quiznet/quizengine?ContentType=text/html;quiz=110_traffic