



Watch & Learn!
Listen to people discussing
this topic in a mini-video at
www.hotenglishmagazine.com

LET'S TALK ABOUT: *Driving in the City*



Traffic light



Zebra crossing



Kerb



Turning



Tunnel



Roundabout



Traffic jam



Bridge



Pedestrian crossing



Speed bump



Rush hour
(the time when
people travel to
or from work)



Dead-end street /
cul-de-sac



Pedestrian

Dialogue

IN THIS DIALOGUE, SALLY IS DRIVING WHEN SHE GETS INTO AN ARGUMENT WITH A PEDESTRIAN.

A: Alan
S: Sally

A: Hey, watch out! That's a red light, and I'm on a pedestrian crossing!

S: Sorry! Are you OK?

A: I'm all right, but your front wheel is on the kerb.

S: I'm just so tired. I've been stuck in a traffic jam for two hours and I didn't get any sleep last night.

A: That's hardly my problem. And in case you didn't know, this is a dead-end street.

S: Whoops! I'm a bit lost. You don't happen to know where Marstone Street is, do you?

A: Yep.

S: So, erm, could you, erm, give me directions?

A: OK. Drive straight on for about 350 metres.

S: OK. Straight on.

A: When you get to the

traffic lights, take the first turning on the left and then drive straight on again.

S: Traffic lights. First turning, erm, left.

A: Then, after about another 200 metres and a few speed bumps, you get to a roundabout...

S: A roundabout...

A: ...and you take the first turning on the right.

S: ...on the right.

A: Then, you go over a bridge and through a tunnel. Then, you turn right and then left and then right again, and it's just there on the left.

S: A bridge. A tunnel. Right, left, right... OK. I think I've got it.

A: You can't miss it!

S: OK. Bye! Thanks. Right! Now, what did he say? Drive straight on, then first left... ❖



Useful Expressions

- There's a zebra crossing just ahead.
- Take the first turning on the right.
- This is a dead-end street.
- You need to go over the bridge.
- The rush-hour traffic is terrible.
- We got caught in a traffic jam.
- You need to go through the tunnel.
- Turn right at the roundabout.

