Winter Driving



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Pre-reading

Questions:

• How do you stay safe on winter roads?



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Joe has a long drive to work. He lives in Walnut Grove and works in Marshall. He drives 30 miles one way. Most spring, summer and fall days he enjoys the drive. Winter driving is different. He does not like to drive in winter weather, but he must get to work.

Over the years, Joe has learned many things about winter driving. He drives with his headlights on all of the time. He also washes them often to keep the lights bright. Joe wants to see and be seen by other drivers.

He tries to keep snow, ice, and frost off of his car. Before driving he brushes snow off the hood, lights, mirrors and all of the windows. He also scrapes any ice off those areas.

Joe knows that ice and snow can make roads very slippery. He does not follow cars too closely. Ice and snow can increase stopping distance from three to ten times.

He takes turns very slowly. They can become very icy from the slipping and sliding of many car tires. He has learned to brake before coming to a curve; not while he is in it. Joe is a **cautious** driver on winter roads. He wants to get to work safely.

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Understanding

How many miles does Joe drive in normal workday?
What is one good tip for driving on icy roads?
What does the word cautious mean?
Look at the two cars pictured on the title page. Which car is better prepared for winter driving? Why?
What is always on in Joe's car when he is driving in the winter?
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oice A: What have you learned about winter driving? oice B: Write about your own winter driving experiences.