

Do You Believe The Speeding Motorist?

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If you get stopped by the police for speeding, it's probably best to say nothing and accept your fine. Unless you have a very good story...

Just recently an eight-year-old boy took his mum's car and went for a nighttime **joyride** on a highway in western Germany.

Police said the boy's mother called them after she noticed that both her son and her VW Golf had disappeared.

Mother and police eventually found the boy at a highway service area where he had parked the car, turned on the hazard lights and put up the warning triangle.

According to police, the boy said he started feeling "uncomfortable" once he hit 140kph on the highway.

This story is unbelievable but true. The following is another story about a motorist but **you decide if it's true or not.**

Late one night this guy is speeding down an empty road. A **cop** sees him go flying past so chases him and **pulls him over**. The cop goes up to the car and when the man rolls down the window, he asks, "Are you aware of how fast you were going, sir?"

The man replies, "Yes I am. I'm trying to escape a robbery I got involved in." The cop looks at him disbelievingly and asks him, "Were you the one being robbed, sir?"

The man casually replies, "Oh no, I was the one who committed the robbery. I was escaping."

The cop is shocked and surprised that the man has admitted this so **freely**. He says, "So you're telling me you were speeding...AND committed a robbery?"

"Oh yes," replies the man calmly. "I have all the **loot** in the back."

The cop is now starting to get angry and says, "Sir, I'm afraid you have to come with me" as he reaches into the window to take the car keys out of the ignition.

The man shouts, "Don't do that! **I'm afraid** that you'll find the gun in my glove compartment!"

At this the cop **pulls his hand out** of the window and says, "Wait here" as he returns to his car and calls for **backup**.

Soon there are cars, cops and helicopters all over, everywhere you look. The man is quickly **dragged** out of his car, **handcuffed** and taken towards a cop car. However, just before

he is put in the car and taken away a cop walks up to him and says, while pointing at the cop that pulled him over, "Sir, this officer tells us that you had committed a robbery, had stolen loot in the **trunk** of your car, and had a loaded gun in your glove compartment. However, we didn't find any of these things in your car."

The man replies, "Yeah, and I bet that liar said I was speeding too!"

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Before you read the article, find this vocabulary in the text:

- joyride**: a fast and dangerous drive in a stolen car
- cop**: slang for policeman/woman
- pulls him over**: when the cop stops the man in his car
- freely**: without hesitation
- loot**: stolen goods
- I'm afraid**: to apologise to someone in a polite way
- pulls his hand out**: the policeman removes his own hand from inside the car
- dragged out of his car**: pulled forcefully out of his car
- handcuffed**: the police restrained the man's hands
- trunk**: the back of a car where things can be stored



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Let's chat about that!

Write your opinions in an email and send them to your ECP coach!

Do you think the story is true? Why/not?

What is, in your own words, the meaning of **backup** in the text?

Tell a story about a driving experience of your own

If you were pulled over by the police, would you give an excuse or would you say nothing?

Should the parents of the boy have received a punishment?

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The answer to the question is...

Darren's story is false

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And... what about the second story on page 1?

It's false too!

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I can't really tell the difference between **'false'** and **'fake'**. Can they be used interchangeably?

'FALSE' means the information is not true, wrong, incorrect, not factual.

'FAKE' means it's artificial, not genuine, a copy or imitation.

"That Gucci bag is **fake**."

"You have given **false** information"