8th Graders

A Careless Driver

Allen was the worst driver in town. He had an accident almost every week. Allen's mother was always worried that the police would turn up and arrest Allen one day.

Most of Allen's accidents were caused by his carelessness. He drove through red lights. He turned right without signaling. He drove at night without proper lights. He overtook other cars on hills or sharp curves. In short, there wasn't a traffic regulation Allen had not broken, and he had had so many accidents it was a miracle he was still alive. But luckily for Allen, he had never hurt anyone.

One day Allen was working in his garage with his car. His mother asked," Why are you painting one side of the car red and the other side blue?"

Allen answered, "Because every time I go to court for a traffic offense, there are always two witnesses. 'What color was the car?' the prosecutor always asks, and the two witnesses always give the same answer. In the future, one witness will say it was red and the other will say it was blue. And my lawyer will say to the judge, 'Your honor, the witnesses cannot even agree on the color of the car involved in the accident.' And the judge will have to dismiss the case against me. "