

## HAVE YOU EVER HAD ROAD RASH? Take This Quiz and Find Out!

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**NASCAR** drivers use special vocabulary, such as *pit stop* and *jack man*, to describe key elements of their sport. They're not alone, of course; race car drivers, truck drivers, mechanics and even motorcycle riders use special vocabulary to talk about the ups and downs of their sport or profession with their colleagues.

Can you join in on these conversations? The quiz below will test how "road-savvy" you are! Read each sentence carefully and pick the best answer. Good luck and safe driving!

- I got tired of *sitting in the rocking chair* all the time.
  - Waiting for the traffic light to change
  - Driving between several large trucks
  - Parking a vehicle in a very tight space
- If he were smarter, he wouldn't have all that *road rash*.
  - Cuts and bruises from falling onto the road
  - Damage to the fenders and sides of a car
  - Sunburn from sticking an arm out the window
- She hates to drive in the *granny lane*.
  - Parking lot outside a retirement home
  - Shopping district where people walk
  - Section of road with strict speed limits
- One more *invitation* and I'll take the keys away from you!
  - Broken headlight
  - Speeding ticket
  - Empty gas tank
- I think I need to get me some new *wets*.
  - All-weather tires
  - Windshield wipers
  - Leather car seats
- Look out for that *alligator!*
  - Police car
  - Rough road
  - Piece of tire
- She's never *t-boned* her Harley, as far as I know.
  - Crashed it into a vehicle
  - Broken it down for parts
  - Used it to carry groceries
- There are too many *cash registers* on that road for me.
  - Toll booths
  - Places to gamble
  - Fast food places
- Did he finally *get the green?*
  - Win a prize at the races
  - Buy a lime-colored car
  - See the green flag wave
- That *full tuck and roll job* really ruined the look of the car.
  - Removal of the car doors
  - Upholstery made for the car
  - Raising the car's chassis

**Reference**—Jackson, M. 2003. *Say what? An automotive slang guide*. <http://www.motor-cross.ca/saywhat.html>