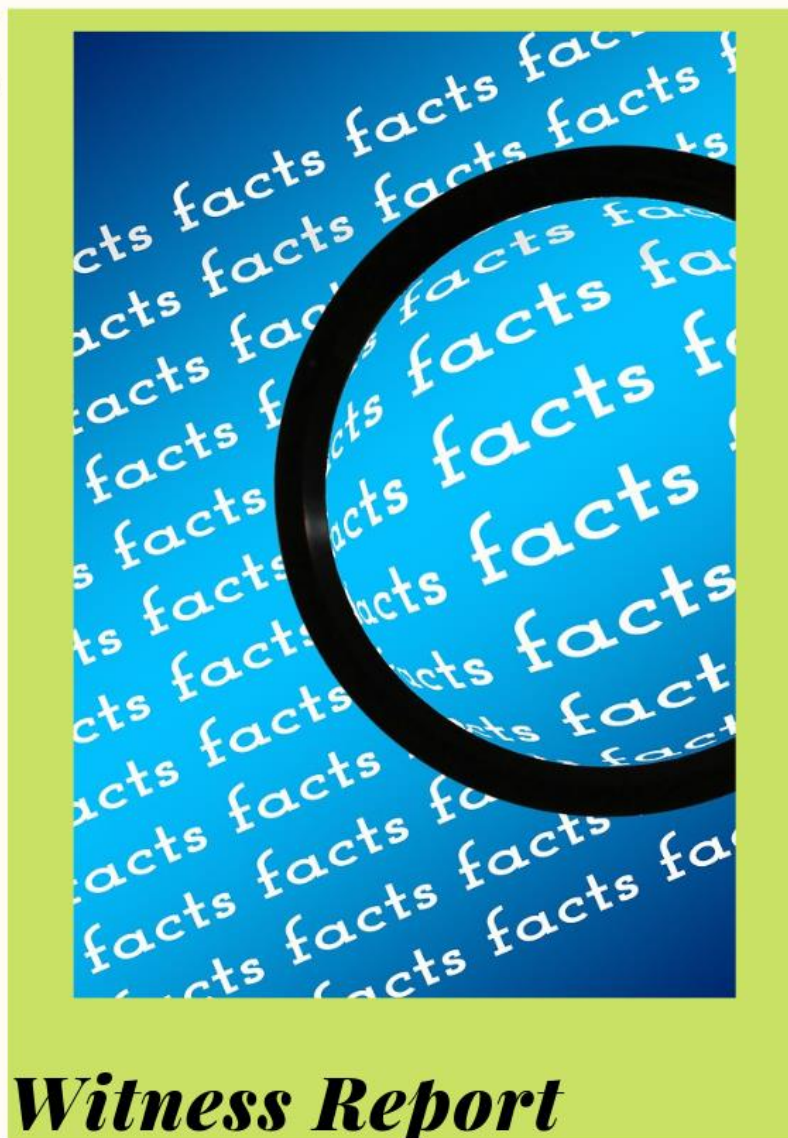
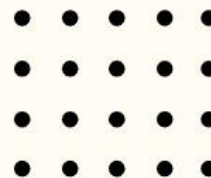


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## ***Witness Report***

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# L.E.S Witness Report

## ***SCENARIO***

During your stay in the USA, you have been one of the witnesses to a hit-and-run accident on your way back home. The damage of the car is severe. There are already two witnesses on the scene ready to help. After making sure that the victim accident does not need any medical attention, you provide him with your contact information in case he needs another witness and leave him with the two other witnesses.

Later in the day, the accident victim sends you a text message.

## ***TASKS***

Task 1:

- Read the text message for the accident victim on page 2
- Read “How to write a car accident report” on page 3
- Take information from the accident sketch on page 4
- Read your personal notes on page 5

Use the information chart on page 6 to gather and organize information about the various texts and sketch.

Task 2:

Write a witness report in which you give details of the accident you have witnessed.

## ***DURATION***

- 120 minutes

## ***AUTHORIZED MATERIALS/RESOURCES***

- English dictionary, bilingual dictionary, grammar book
- Internet, magazines, newspapers, books, other relevant resources

## FAMILIES OF LEARNING SITUATIONS AND LANGUAGE FUNCTIONS

- Informing, expressing

### INSTRUCTIONS

- Read and interpret the different texts.
- Use the information charts to gather and organize information.
- Use the template to write a witness report of 250 words.

### TASK 1 READ AND INTERPRET TEXTS

**Text message from Phil Pott, the accident victim:**

Phil Pott

9 :30 p.m

Hi! We met at the accident yesterday. There seems to be some misunderstanding with the police and the other witness. As you offered your help, would you mind writing your version of the accident for me please? Do you have any pictures? I have some but it wouldn't hurt to have more. Many thanks.

9 :35 p.m

I took this picture:



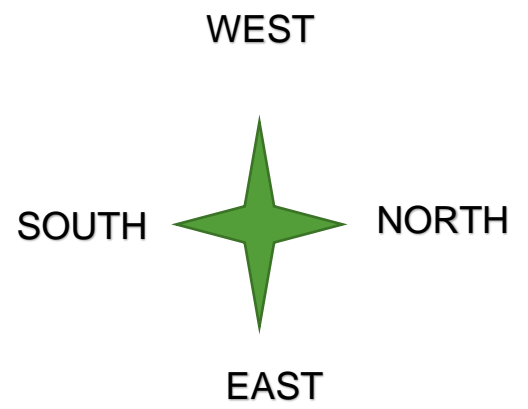
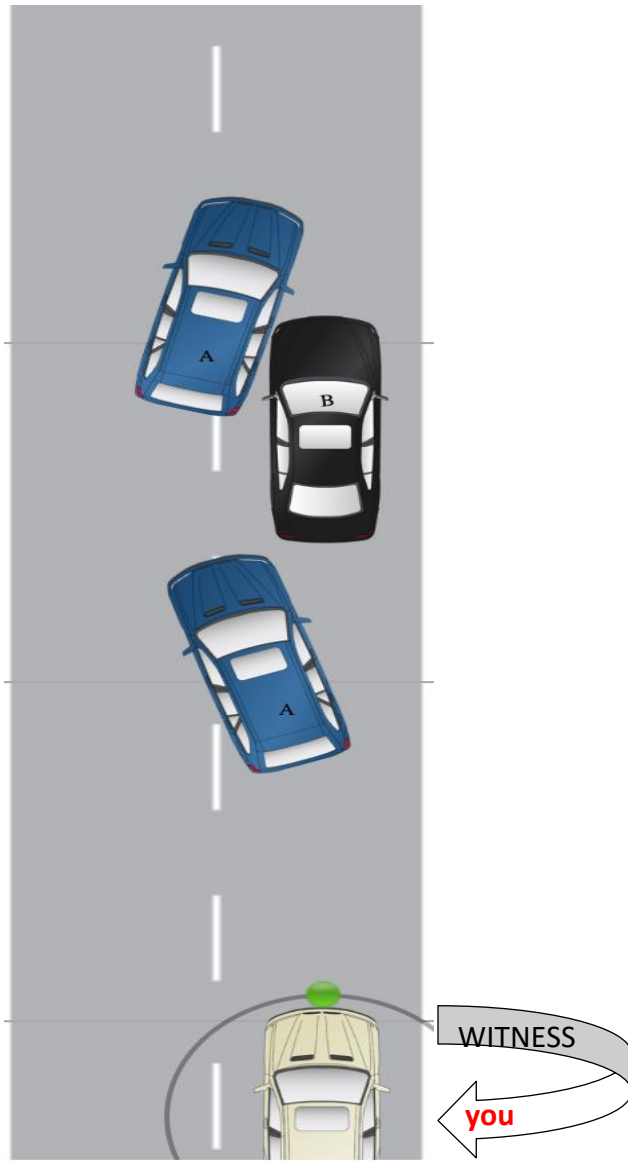
No problem for the report. I will send it tomorrow.

9 :37 p.m

Thank you so much

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## HOW TO WRITE A CAR ACCIDENT WITNESS REPORT

### **Read the following text:**

A witness report can be a crucial piece of evidence in personal injury cases. It is the statement of a person who has no interest or stake in the outcome of the case. If you have been in a car accident, you can ask anyone at the scene of the event to make a witness report.

### **What Information Should The Witness Include In The Report?**

The courts do not require a specific format for a witness statement. It can be a simple handwritten or typed statement. However, there are two pieces of information that *must* be on the statement for it to be useful in court: the witness' signature and contact information. The signature is the witness' verification that the information provided is accurate. The contact information is necessary for verification.

In making a report, the witness should stick to the facts. The report should include as many details as possible. This can include the following:

- the witness' position in relation to the accident site
- the time and date of the accident
- description of the vehicles involved
- the location of the crash (street address, intersection, etc.)
- the position of each vehicle before and after the crash
- how the crash occurred from the witness' point of view

- where the witness observed damage to the vehicles
- if there was any damage to other property (buildings, fences, signs, etc.)
- if anyone involved in the accident had visible wounds or stated they were injured
- information on weather and lighting
- any unusual circumstances in the area

Source: <https://www.sjblawfirm.com/legal-blog/what-must-be-included-in-car-accident-witness-reports>

## **Your Personal Notes**

**Witness (you): -Driving on road**

**Time of the accident: 2:46 p.m**

### **Description of the accident**

- Blue car (in front of my car)
- Passed black car
- Not enough space between 2 cars
- Blue car: high speed
- Blue car fishtail Black car
- Black car: braked (try avoid accident)
- Blue car hit black car
- Loss of black car control
- Black car: Finished in the ditch
- Blue car: ran away
- Black car: severe damage

**Remember: Blue car : license plate: Nevada ??59???**

**Blue car: High speed, passed & cut other cars (witnessed it thanks to rear-view mirror)**

**Weather: Raining**

### **Chronological Account:**

- Witness (me): called 911
- Gave contact information to accident victim
- Paramedics arrived 15 minutes after accident
- Police arrived 17 minutes after accident
- Black car: Person shaken, refused medical help.
- 2 other witnesses (1 doctor + 1 student)

**Opinion: Blue car: Road rage / Planned to hit black car.**

**These charts may be used to help you gather and organize information for the final task. The charts are optional and will not be evaluated.**

### **INFORMATION CHART**

<b>Questions about: “How To Write A Car Accident Report”</b>	<b>Answers</b>
<p>What should be included in a witness report?</p> <p>What should be the tone of the report?</p> <p>What is mandatory on a witness report?</p>	
<p>Other notes:</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	

## Information Chart

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## **TASK 2    WRITE AND PRODUCE TEXTS**

### **Scenario**

During your stay in the USA, you have been one of the witnesses to a hit-and-run accident on your way back home. The damage of the car is severe. There are already two witnesses on the scene ready to help. After making sure that the victim accident does not need any medical attention, you provide him with your contact information in case he needs another witness and leave him with the two other witnesses.

Later in the day, the accident victim sends you a text message.

### **Instructions:**

Using the information from “How to Write A Report Witness”, the sketch of the accident and “Your Personal Notes”, you will write a witness report. Don’t forget to include all the pertinent information in your possession.

- The body of your witness report will be between 150-250 words long.
- Write your draft on the page titled “Draft”. Write your final witness report on the page titled “Final copy”.
- End with a polite sentence followed by your full name.
- Include the date, as well as opening and closing salutations.
- Give a detailed and reliable description of the accident.
- Hand in this Learning Evaluation Situation.

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## WITNESS REPORT

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