

Podcast #141 Driving under the Influence

Original Version

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"Alright," says the cop, "then you have to take a blood test."

"Can't do that either," Jim responds. "I am a hemophiliac. If a wound is opened, it won't stop bleeding. I could bleed to death."

"OK," the cop answers. "Then I will need a urine sample."

"Sorry," says Jim. "I also have diabetes. That could push my sugar count really low."

"Fine, so just come on out, and walk a straight line for me."

"Can't do that either" responds Jim.

"Why not?" demanded the exasperated cop.

"Well, because I'm drunk!"

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Choose the correct word or term

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"(Allright – Alright)," says the cop, "then you have to take a blood test."

"Can't do that (neither – either)," Jim responds. "I am a hemophiliac. If a wound is opened, it won't stop (to bleed – bleeding). I could bleed (to death – to dying)."

"OK," the cop answers. "(I will then – Then I will) need a urine sample."

"Sorry," says Jim. "I (have also – also have) diabetes. That could push my sugar count really low."

"Fine, so just come on out, and walk a (straight – strait) line (from – for) me."

"(Can't be doing – Can't do) that either" responds Jim.

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Practice with incorrect or missing articles, indefinite pronouns, and verbs.

In the following version of the story, circle or underline places where (a) a grammatically incorrect article is used, (b) an incorrect verb tense is used, or (c) any of the following is missing:

- a grammatically required article (*a, an, the*)
- a personal pronoun (for example, *he*)
- a possessive pronoun (for example, *his*)
- an indefinite pronoun such as *some* or *any*
- a form of the verb *to be* (for example, *was*)

The first sentence has been underlined to show where you would circle or underline a word or phrase.

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