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Amy: In this conversation, we are going to talk about what it's like to get your licence in North America to be able to drive a car. Specifically, what you have to do to get a driver's licence in Canada, because that's where we're from. So, what is the first step?

Curtis: Studying the book that you get with all the rules of the road in it before you do your written test.

Amy: That's right. So you need to study all of the traffic rules that are in this book so that when you're on the road in your car, you're able to act the same way that the other drivers act, so everybody knows which direction people are going and they're able to avoid accidents and keep things safe. So after you pass that test, what's the next thing?

Curtis: You get into a car with somebody who has a driver's licence and who has some experience and then you get to practice with them.

Amy: That's right. It's like supervised driving. You do not have a licence where you can drive on your own, you need to use this period to practice your driving skills, to prepare you for the next test.

Curtis: Right.

Amy: So the next test is the road test and this is where you go out with somebody who evaluates if you are ready to drive on your own without supervision.

Curtis: An instructor.

Amy: An instructor that is testing you and paying attention to errors that you might make. So you can't make very many errors, otherwise you'll fail the test and you need to do the exam again. In Canada, we have a period where, after you pass your road test, you still have a limited licence and you're not able to, for example, you can't have a speeding ticket or get a traffic fine.

Curtis: Right.

Amy: And you can only have one other person in the vehicle with you, and I think it's for a year or something like that. In the United States, I'm not sure, but after you do your final road test, you are finally able to drive on your own and you don't have to have any of these rules with limitations.

Curtis: You get a Class 5 licence.

Amy: That's right, we call it a Class 5 licence.