



Idiots on the Road

Most people do it, and I'm sure most people hate it. Driving. The **bane** of my life since I got my **license**. I don't know about you, but I find driving in Reunion an **outright** nightmare. Driving on the right, indicating when you overtake on the **dual carriageway**, fine, I can handle that. What I can't handle are the thousands of other drivers out there who don't know how to bloody drive!

I don't know what **annoys** me most. Is it people who don't know how to stay in their lane? That really **grates** me. No, I think what's worse are those maniacs who drive right up your **backside** when you're on the **overtaking** lane. As if their very presence would tempt me into forcing myself into the right-hand lane.

How many times have I been cut off by people who just forget about their stop sign? Too many to count I think.

Naturally, I get angry when I drive. I **shout** at people, I show them various fingers in frustration, naturally. My wife sat beside me, doesn't like it when I get angry. Especially when I'm at a **roundabout** and nobody knows where they're going!

Her advice to me is as follows: 'Be a **rubbish** driver too'. Ridiculous. Unimaginable. Me, stay on the right lane, no matter which exit I take on the roundabout? I suppose that would mean that I couldn't get cut off, but that's not the rule!

Thank you for listening to me **vent** my frustration. I'm finding this very therapeutic.

When **self-driving cars** become **mainstream**, I will be a happy man. I can just imagine myself sat there on the way to work, **hurtling** down the Tamarin road, drinking my tea and eating my rougail saucisse with the window open. Calling to **fellow drivers** "Good day dear sir, lovely day for a drive, isn't it? **Toodle pip!**" I have a strange imagination.

A question for all of you; What annoys you most about driving in Reunion? Is it the idiots on the roundabouts? The **fools** who forget they have indicators? The psychos who drive "this" close to your boot? The dopes who **run stop signs**? I'd love to know.

Well, have a lovely week, stay safe on the road and don't forget to use your flipping **indicators**.





Vocabulary

bane - fléau

license - permis

outright - carrément

dual carriageway - quatre voies

to annoy - ennuyer

to grate - agacer

backside - arrière

overtaking - dépassement

to shout - crier

roundabout - rond-point

rubbish - nul

vent - décharger

self-driving cars - voitures autonomes

mainstream - courant

to hurtle - lancer à vive allure

fellow drivers - compagnons de route

toodle pip! - ciao !

fool - imbécile

to run stop signs - brûler les stops

indicators - clignotants