

**Worksheet C6.2.3**

What happens when we do not observe the law?



**A: Read this dialogue between a traffic policeman and Ġanni, the driver who had an accident when he drove down the wrong way with his car.**

<b>Ġanni</b>	<i>(in shock)</i> Excuse me, excuse me.
<b>Policeman</b>	Forget the excuse me. Are you hurt? Do you need an ambulance?
<b>Ġanni</b>	No, no, I am fine. But I had a big fright!
<b>Policeman</b>	Can I know what made you drive down a wrong way road? Did you not see the traffic signs?
<b>Ġanni</b>	To tell you the truth, I saw them but got confused. When I realised that I was driving wrong way I persisted, saying now I started driving down this road might as well get to the end!
<b>Policeman</b>	And naturally you increased speed to arrive quicker and you lost control. You see how intelligent you are! You damaged your own car, the pavement, the electricity pole and the traffic sign pole too. You will have to pay for all these expenses.
<b>Ġanni</b>	I know, I know.
<b>Policeman</b>	Apart from this, do you realise the danger you put yourself in for nothing? Do you know you could have been hurt or you could have hurt someone else?
<b>Ġanni</b>	I know, I know. Everyone is wise after the act. I am sorry.
<b>Policeman</b>	Naturally you know that I will be making a report and that you will have to appear in court. This incident occurred due to your irresponsibility.
	<i>(Ġanni did not say another word.)</i>

**Answer.**

1. Who broke the law in this story?

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2. Which law was broken?

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3. Whose fault was the accident?

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4. Mention two mistakes which Ġanni made.

(a) \_\_\_\_\_

(b) \_\_\_\_\_

5. What should Ġanni have done when he realised he was driving the wrong way?

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6. Mention two consequences the accident had.

(a) \_\_\_\_\_

(b) \_\_\_\_\_

7. Where is Ġanni going to have to go when the police ticket for the accident arrives? What could happen to him there?

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8. What worse consequences could the accident have had?

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9. What do we learn from this story?

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**B: Why the laws? Fill in the blanks to better understand the need for laws.**

<b>1</b>	a	The law:	<b>Here in Malta traffic drives on the left side of the road.</b>
	b	Why is this law important?	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
	c	Who makes sure this law is observed?	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
	d	What could happen to those who break this law?	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
	e	What could the consequences be if we do not observe this law?	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>

<b>2</b>	a	The law:	<b>You cannot steal.</b>
	b	Why is this law important?	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
	c	Who makes sure this law is observed?	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
	d	What could happen to those who break this law?	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
	e	What could the consequences be if we do not observe this law?	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>