

# Accidental

## *Introduction*

In this scene, teenager PAT discusses the joys of driving school with her mom, ROBIN.

- 1 PAT: I love driving! It is so much fun! I clocked in thirty  
2 minutes behind the wheel today.
- 3 ROBIN: I'm glad, dear. And how did Mr. Logan say you did?
- 4 PAT: Well ... uh ... Mr. Logan didn't say much.
- 5 ROBIN: Oh, really? Why? He didn't give you any pointers?
- 6 PAT: No, not really. Mostly, he just held on to the  
7 dashboard and mumbled under his breath. Mom, is it  
8 natural for your knuckles to turn white when you're  
9 squeezing real hard?
- 10 ROBIN: Uh ... Pat, did something go wrong? What  
11 happened?
- 12 PAT: Well, yes and no. I hit the brakes real quick to avoid  
13 hitting a kitty cat as we were going through this  
14 intersection —
- 15 ROBIN: You didn't hit anybody, did you?
- 16 PAT: No, no, nothing bad like that, Mom.
- 17 ROBIN: You didn't get rear-ended, did you?
- 18 PAT: No, but the car behind me did. Luckily, I hit the gas  
19 real quick and got out of the way.
- 20 ROBIN: Oh, dear. Did anybody get hurt?
- 21 PAT: Not in that car, but I think somebody may have in one  
22 of the *other* cars.
- 23 ROBIN: What *other* cars? How many other cars were  
24 involved?
- 25 PAT: (*Mousey*) Nineteen. Give a car or two.

- 1 **ROBIN:** *Nineteen! Patricia!*  
2 **PAT:** It's OK, don't worry, Mom. Really! I didn't get a ticket  
3 or anything. I hit the gas and hightailed it out of there. I  
4 don't think anybody saw the license plate or anything.  
5 **ROBIN:** Sweetie, they wouldn't have to. "Newton's Drivers  
6 Education" is plastered all over the car.  
7 **PAT:** Ooooh, yeah. *(A beat)* Mom, maybe we ought to call a  
8 lawyer.

# Addiction

## Introduction

KISHA has just been caught with her cell phone in class. She scrambles to hide it by sticking it in the back of her pants before her TEACHER can take it.

- 1 **TEACHER:** Kisha, give me the cell phone.  
2 **KISHA:** What cell phone? I don't have a cell phone  
3 **TEACHER:** I saw you with the cell phone, please hand it  
4 over. You know the school rules.  
5 **KISHA:** But I don't have one.  
6 **TEACHER:** Yes, ma'am, you do. I saw it. Please hand it over.  
7 *Now!*  
8 **KISHA:** But I don't have one. Look. *(KISHA holds her hand up*  
9 *to show that she doesn't have one.)*  
10 **TEACHER:** Don't do this. Hand it over now or I'm going to  
11 have to send you to the office.  
12 **KISHA:** But I don't have one. See! *(KISHA stands up and*  
13 *when she does, the cell phone falls out of the back of her*  
14 *pants and on to the floor. They both look down at it. KISHA*  
15 *scoops it up and holds it tight in her hand.)*  
16 **TEACHER:** See, hand it over.  
17 **KISHA:** No, I can't. I got to have my cell phone. I need my  
18 cell phone.  
19 **TEACHER:** Kisha, you know you're not supposed to have it  
20 out. Hand it over. I'll give it back at the end of class.  
21 *(Hesitantly, KISHA hands over the phone.)*  
22 **KISHA:** You'll give it back? You won't send it to the office?  
23 **TEACHER:** This time. But if you ever refuse to give it to me  
24 again or if you lie to me again, it will go to the office.  
25 **KISHA:** But I gotta have my phone. My momma may need