

Traffic Enforcement Vocabulary Quiz

Name: _____

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Instructions: Choose the best answer for each question.

1. What is reasonable suspicion?

- A. Proof that a crime has already been committed
- B. A reasonable belief based on facts that a crime may be occurring
- C. A judge's written authorization to search property

2. What is probable cause?

- A. Facts and circumstances that would lead a reasonable officer to believe a crime occurred
- B. A guess based on instinct
- C. Permission from a supervisor to investigate

3. An arrest occurs when:

- A. A person is questioned by police
- B. A person is taken into custody and is not free to leave
- C. A person receives a traffic warning

4. A detention is:

- A. When a suspect is sent to prison
- B. A temporary stop where a person is not free to leave but is not under arrest
- C. A voluntary conversation with police

5. Reckless behavior means:

- A. Following all traffic laws
- B. Making a mistake while driving
- C. Acting in a way that shows disregard for the safety of others

6. Private property refers to:

- A. Property owned by the government
- B. Land or buildings owned by an individual or business
- C. Public streets and highways

7. During a traffic stop, danger areas are:

- A. Areas inside a police station
- B. Locations around a vehicle where an officer may be vulnerable to attack
- C. The area behind the patrol car only

8. Consent in law enforcement means:

- A. A written search warrant from a judge
- B. Permission voluntarily given by a person for officers to search or act
- C. A supervisor's approval

9. Pennsylvania v. Mimms ruled that:

- A. Officers cannot stop vehicles for traffic violations
- B. Officers may order the driver out of a vehicle during a lawful traffic stop
- C. Drivers must remain inside their vehicle at all times

10. Maryland v. Wilson ruled that:

- A. Passengers cannot be questioned by police
- B. Officers may order passengers to exit the vehicle during a lawful traffic stop
- C. Only drivers can be asked to exit the vehicle

Instructor Answer Key

1. B

2. A

3. B

4. B

5. C

6. B

7. B

8. B

9. B

10. B