

## Stealing buses

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[Here](#) is an article from the Guardian newspaper which you may enjoy. It is the story of a man who steals buses. Or, rather, he *used to* steal buses - he stole buses many times but he does not do so now.

Here are some vocabulary notes to help you:

- >> a **double decker** is a [double-decker bus](#), that is a bus with an upstairs and a downstairs. Many buses in English towns and cities are double deckers.
- >> to be **behind the wheel** means to be driving a vehicle like a car or a bus.
- >> **hot-wiring** is a method of starting a car engine without using the ignition key.
- >> driving the buses out of the depot **was a breeze** means that it was very easy.
- >> the man **ditched** the buses means that he left them at the side of the road.
- >> he **craved a bigger thrill** means that he wanted to do something even more exciting.
- >> he was arrested and got a **suspended sentence** i.e. the court said that he did not have to go to prison now, but that he would automatically go to prison if he committed any more crimes.
- >> he **pulled up** means that he stopped the bus.
- >> he was **taken into custody** means that he was arrested and taken to a police station.
- >> going to prison was a **wake-up call** means that in prison he realised that he could not go on stealing buses for the rest of his life.
- >> now he is **living in the slow lane**. The slow lane on a motorway is the part of the road on the left (we drive on the left in England, remember!) where slow lorries and other vehicles go. Living in the slow lane is less exciting but safer than living in the fast lane.

Have fun! There will be a new podcast in a few days

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