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### The Colors They Didn't Teach You

#### **Red**

He did not see the yield sign as he continued down his path,  
Not knowing that his concussion and totaled car was the aftermath.

#### **Orange**

Looking down at her phone, she had missed the new construction sign,  
Driving into the pit, becoming paralyzed with a broken spine.

#### **Yellow**

Thinking he would have time to pass through the changing light,  
The following day, his mother saw his drunken story off a news website.

#### **Green**

It was not her fault, she had the right of way in the middle of the intersection,  
Most people think for themselves, not thinking of a parent's prize possession.

#### **Blue**

His friend had dared him to drive as close as he could to the lake,  
But as this car sunk down to the bottom, the windows would not break.

**Purple**

Running late for work, he was cruising through the easy pass lane,  
Smashing into the car ahead, he now has a deductible to maintain.

**Pink**

Drunkenly fighting for her keys, she insisted on driving herself home,  
Hitting a child with rosy pink cheeks, the driver had missed the crossing zone.

**Brown**

Spinning doughnuts on the dirt road, he had encountered a massive tree,  
Needing medical attention, he was not found until the next morning at three.

**White**

Going fifteen miles over the speed limit, she slammed into the frozen, icy, light post,  
Confused and lost, she had forgotten her usual breakfast was a plate of French toast.

**Black**

Remember to always drive safe, stay focused on what you're doing, do not get sidetracked,  
Because once mistakes are made and lives are lost, most times you can not take it back.