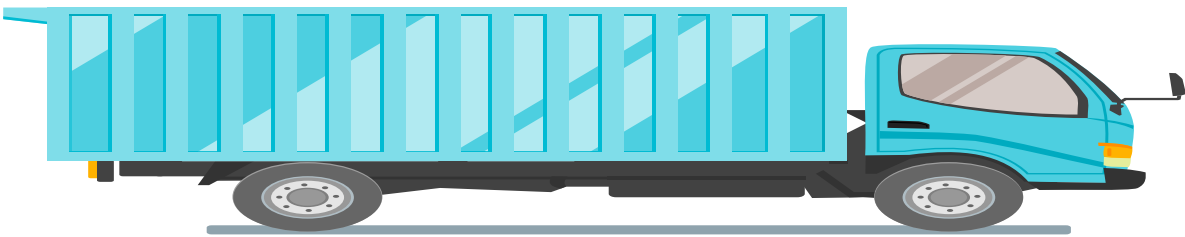


HDMS Journalism!



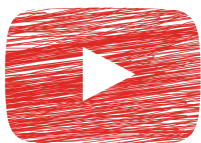
ISSUE 01 | October 2026

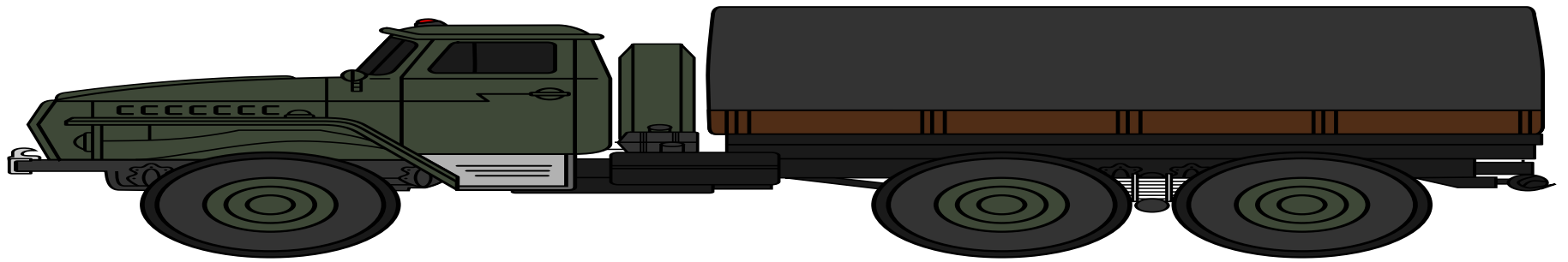
Truck Drivers



By Kensi - Grade 7

Life on the Open Road: The Real
Daily Routine of a Truck Driver!





Types Of Trucks You Can Drive & Fun Facts!

- Some examples of tractor trailers you could drive are Kenworths, Peterbills, Western Stars, International, and Mack trucks.
- Peterbilt fuel tank capacities range from 50 to 150 gallons per individual tank.
- Peterbilt got its name from founder Theodore Alfred Peterman, who combined his last name with a stylized version of the word "built" instead of man.
- Kenworth got its name by combining the last names of its two main leaders, Harry Kent and Edgar Worthington.
- The Western Star was named that because it was created in 1967 by the White Motor Company specifically to build rugged heavy-duty trucks for the markets of Western North America.
- A pony trailer is a trailer that is less than 30ft (not for a pony)!
- A grocery truck is a truck that has cold groceries in it and is around 32 °F and 40°F for fresh and dairy items and 0°F or colder for frozen goods.
- There are more than just heavy equipment trucks and there's also box trucks and grocery haulers that deliver groceries to stores and deliver dirt and salt for our roads. There are also tanker trucks that deliver gas and bulk liquid and cement trucks that go with heavy equipment is load bed a flat bed and a tag trailer and a pony trailer.
- Every truck has its own different gears.
- The International got its name after a farm tractor and to conquer rural lands, it was a farm tractor turned into a truck.



Western Stars Truck



Peterbilt Truck



Mack Truck



Type Of Truck Kensi's Father Drives!

WANT TO BE A TRUCK DRIVER?! HERE ARE SOME **JOB FACTS!**

You need different licenses like a CDL (commercial driver license) and have to meet state standards.

Federal law requires first-time CDL applicants to finish formal classroom and behind-the-wheel training and a permit

Don't need to have a college degree.

The salary for truck drivers in the U.S. typically falls between \$44,963 and \$201,435 annually with an average of \$95,169!

Truckers have special terms for stuff like a "chicken coop" is a weight station. You say "10/4" if you understand directions, "hammer down" means to go faster, and a "Bear" or "Smokey" is a police officer.

Heavy equipment transport driving involves safety loading, securing, and hauling oversized construction machinery using specialized trailers like lowboys and flatbed.

Most employers expect 1 to 2 years of verifiable tractor-trailer or heavy-haul driving experience.

The hardest part of being a truck driver is coping with the extreme isolation and being away from family for long periods of time.



Type Of Truck Kensi's Uncle Drives!

Truck Driver Interviews!

Kensi Interviewed Her Father & Uncle Who Are Both Truck Drivers!

"When did you choose to become a truck driver, and why?"

"I chose this because it was a interesting job choice and I got tired of doing the same stuff for jobs."

"What do you enjoy about the work and lifestyle of a trucker?"

"I love the lifestyle because it pays enough money to pay bills and I love the work because it requires me to be independent and responsible."

"How do you stay alert and not get tired during long hauls?"

"I drink caffeine, get out and stretch, and if I'm tired I stay alert by staying hydrated."

