

# British Civilization: A Student's Dictionary

## Extracts

### Z

**Zebra crossings** (traffic and society)

Black-and-white striped areas (named after the animal – the zebra) on a road, where pedestrians can cross in safety.

Cars are supposed to stop if someone is waiting at the crossing or about to step on to it. Some crossings have traffic lights where pedestrians have to wait for a green light before they can cross the road. These may be called ‘‘Pelican’’ crossings after the large sea-bird.