



Live Lesson

Cars

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Warm Up

Fill in the gaps

1. What kind of cars are these?

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Answers at bottom of PDF

Vocabulary: Cars

Notice the difference between the following:

Make - Toyota, Ford

Model - Corolla, Fiesta

Type - An SUV, a sedan

Below are the main types of car:

A saloon (UK) = A sedan (US)

A sedan has a separate, walled-off trunk (us)/ boot (uk).

A hatchback

A hatchback features a single, open cabin and cargo area. You can push the back seats down to extend the boot area.

A sports car

A sports car is a two-seater car. They usually sit lower to the ground.

A convertible

A convertible has a roof you can open.

A coupe

A coupe (or coupé) is a passenger car with a sloping or truncated rear roofline, traditionally featuring only two doors and two rows of seats.

An SUV (Sport Utility Vehicle)

An SUV has off-road features such as: raised ground clearance, high seat, and all-wheel drive.

Find out more via these links:

<https://carro.co/my/blog/hatchback-or-sedan>

<https://www.caranddriver.com/features/a28411772/sedan-vs-coupe/>

<https://www.kia.com/dm/discover-kia/ask/what-types-of-cars-are-there.html>

Electric (adj.)

Driverless (adj.)

Self-driving (adj.)

Electric cars are becoming more and more popular.

I don't fully trust driverless cars yet.

Self-driving cars will be mainstream in a few years.

Manual (adj.) (has a gear stick)

Automatic (adj.) (automatically changed gear)

I have a manual SUV

My wife has an automatic Toyota

Gears (n.) (the stick to increase speed in a car or on a bike)

To be in first gear

To change gear

Listening Activity: Cars

1. Listen to the short answer and guess the question.



<https://soundcloud.com/keithohare/guess-the-question-1>

Tape script

Not a lot really. I just do the school run, well my wife drops the kids off, and I pick them up. Oh yes, and then there's the weekly shop, but that's about it.

Answers at bottom of PDF

Language Notes

To do the school run

= to take the children to school and / or bring them home (usually by car)

To do the weekly shop

= to go shopping for food once a week

2. Listen to the short answer and guess the question.



Tape script

I hate them. This is the big challenge of city driving right. The rush hour is a nightmare. When cars are bumper to bumper it can take ages to get home. And when you do get home, it's often impossible to find a parking space. Very often, I have to double park.

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Language Notes

The rush hour

= the busy time people go to work (e.g. 7 to 9am and 5 to 8pm)

Bumper to bumper (idiomatic)

= cars in line almost touching each other.

To double park

= to park parallel to another parked car.

A traffic jam

= a lot of cars on the street (congestion)

To get stuck in traffic

= to be unable to move due to heavy traffic

3. Listen to the short answer and guess the question.



Tape script

Well, I don't know much about cars. As a kid, I didn't like traveling by car. I used to get carsick. My dad had a classic saloon, and when you sat in the back you could feel every bend in the road.

I have followed in my dad's footsteps and I also have a saloon, a manual, not automatic. I prefer to be in full control.

Interestingly, I've never got into electric cars - but actually my wife has an electric convertible car which is fun.

Answers at bottom of PDF

Language Notes

To get carsick (adj.)

= to be sick, to vomit, when the car moves a lot

Carsickness (n.)

I suffer from carsickness

To follow in someone's footsteps (idiomatic)

= to do the same as someone before you (in time)

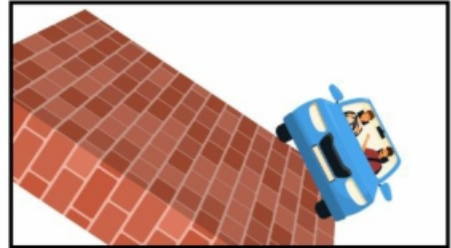
Idioms to talk about CARS

Guess the idioms!

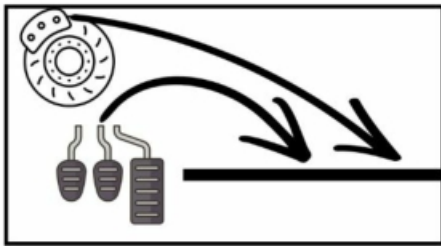
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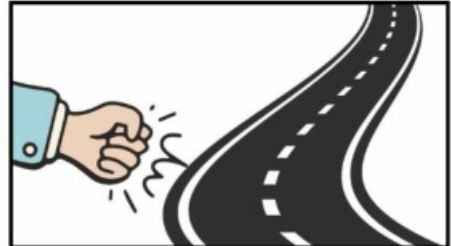
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Answers at end of PDF

Kahoot!

A game to review vocabulary from this lesson

[Click to play the Kahoot game again](#)

Next Steps

You can practice and review all the language from my live lessons in

The Vocabulary Vault

1. **Discover** language in the live lesson
2. **Practise** with an audio file
3. **Review** with tests and stories



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Song

🎵 Hit The Road

<https://suno.com/s/wOL1LbVac2cp56o8>

Verse 1

My dad had a classic saloon,
We'd take long trips in June,
Round every corner, every bend,
I'd get carsick in the end.

I followed in his footsteps too,
Bought a manual, brand new,
I change gears on my own,
That feeling takes me home

Chorus

I wanna hit the road, drive away,
Leave the traffic jams today,
Bumper to bumper, everyday
Driving me up the wall today!

Verse 2

My partner drives an electric car,
A convertible, but it can't go far,
She says it's quiet, clean and smart,
But it doesn't win my heart.

A hatchback, coupe or SUV,
They all look the same to me,
A sports car sits so low and fast,
But I'd rather make the journey last.

Chorus

I wanna hit the road, drive away,
Leave the traffic jams today,
Bumper to bumper, everyday
Driving me up the wall today!

Bridge

No parking spaces anywhere,
Double parking? I wouldn't dare,
Stuck in traffic, feeling blue,
Tell me, what would you do?

Chorus

I wanna hit the road, drive away,
Leave the traffic jams today,
Bumper to bumper, everyday
Driving me up the wall today!

ANSWERS

Warm Up

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Answers

1. A sports car. A coupe.
2. A convertible
3. A saloon. A sedan.
4. An SUV

Listening Activity

1. Possible Answers

Do you drive a lot?

How often do you drive?

Do you use your car a lot?

2. Possible Answers

How do you feel about traffic jams?

What do you think of traffic jams?

3. Answer

What type of car do you have?

Idioms to talk about CARS

1. A backseat driver

= someone who gives unwanted advice about driving

My dad is a terrible backseat driver. He's always telling me how to drive.

2. To drive someone up the wall

= To annoy someone a lot, to make someone crazy.

Traffic jams drive me up the wall.

3. To put the brakes on something

= to slow down or stop an activity

I'm going to put the brakes on this project, it's not working.

We've put the brakes on our travel plans, due to rising fuel costs.

4. To hit the road

= to start a journey

We had better hit the road before the rush hour begins.