

IDEAS FOR SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL / EXTENSION TO MATURITY EXAM PREP BOOKS

(Focus: Intermediate)

Topic

The car

PHASE 1 **INTRODUCTION:** students' attitudes to cars / driving (short discussion)

PHASE 2 **VOCABULARY BUILDING** (discrete items):

(Talkshop p146, Tasks B & C) plus TB p55 B) és C)

(REM: hotspot: car image, T points at certain parts → Ss say what it is)

PHASE 3 **TECHNICAL VOCABULARY IN CONTEXT**

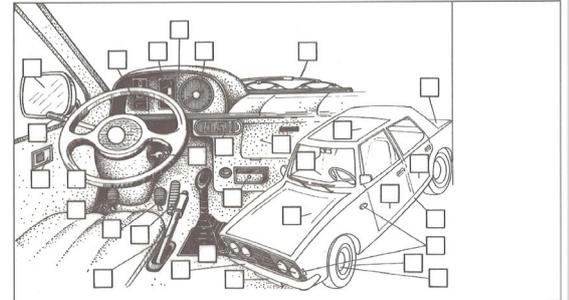
A

How to start a car

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| a) Put the gear lever into first gear. | k) Drive out of the parking space. |
| b) Let go of the clutch pedal. | l) Put your hands on the steering wheel. |
| c) Buckle up. | m) Let the pedal come up completely |
| d) Release the handbrake. | n) Look left to see if the way is clear. |
| e) Pull up the choke. | o) Press the accelerator pedal down |
| f) Push the accelerator pedal down a little. | three or four times quickly. |
| Keep your foot in that angle. | p) Push down the clutch pedal with your left foot. |
| g) Glance at the dashboard. Any red lights? | q) Let the clutch pedal slowly come up. |
| h) Start the engine. | r) Turn the steering wheel to the left. |
| i) Drive to your destination. | s) Signal to the left with the indicator. |
| j) Step on the accelerator pedal with your right foot. | |

(NOTE: reliance on students who have taken the driving test / who can drive)

B) The picture below also presents some more common, not-so-technical car vocabulary. Your task this time is to write in the circles the numbers of the appropriate parts.



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| 1. indicator-switch | 11. ashtray | 21. boot/US trunk |
| 2. horn | 12. wheel | 22. foot-brake |
| 3. oil-light | 13. clock | 23. glove compartment |
| 4. speedometer | 14. petrol gauge | 24. headlights |
| 5. bumper | 15. dashboard | 25. indicators/US turn signals |
| 6. bonnet/US hood | 16. windscreen/US windshield | 26. clutch |
| 7. rear door | 17. steering wheel | 27. mirror |
| 8. sunroof | 18. hand brake | 28. number/US license plate |
| 9. door handle | 19. windscreen-wipers | 29. exhaust pipe/US tailpipe |
| 10. ignition | 20. tyre | 30. front door |
| | | 31. accelerator |

B)

Az alábbiakban csak az eddig elő nem fordult, némileg „hivatalos” meghatározásokat soroljuk fel:

- oil-light – a motorokénés ellenőrző égője
- ignition – gyújtáskapcsoló
- petrol gauge – üzemanyagszint-jelző
- accelerator – gázpedál/adagoló

B

Reading / Listening comprehension (connected speech, receptive skills):

In this interview with an American businessman living in Hungary all the questions have been removed. Match the questions and the answers, and put the letters in the boxes at the bottom of the page. There is one extra letter that you do not need. There is an example for you.

Mr Hanks, you've been in this country for quite a time now and I'm sure you've traveled widely.

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Well, a lot of Hungarian drivers don't seem to take speed limits seriously. In the USA, drivers observe them in their own interests, otherwise they'll quickly lose their license.

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They come with automatic gear. Moreover, when driving a long distance, we simply switch on the cruise control, which means that the speed is fixed at a certain level.

2

Many of them are in such a miserable condition that this alone is a serious source of danger.

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Yes, sure. We often built towns to meet the needs of the car. If you enter a town out west it's always the same: rows of gas stations, motels, eateries and malls with large parking areas.

4

Well, it sometimes happens that the situation gets chaotic in the winking of an eye, and parking facilities are often very poor.

5

It is badly organised if it exists at all. That's why you need the car.

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For us it is still a matter of prestige. There may be this wish behind it: to be independent, to be able to move. In our culture the car is a central feature of our lives.

- A You must have an opinion about how traffic is organised with us, I'm sure.
- B What do you think about roads in Hungary?
- C Is there a difference between drivers in Hungary and those in your country?
- D All in all, what is the American attitude towards the car?
- E Are Americans more mature concerning the use of cars?
- F How about public transport in your country?
- G How do American cars differ from those that run in Hungary?
- H American towns are easy to drive in, aren't they?

PHASE

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LINKING TOPIC TO MATURITY EXAM BOOK TASKS

A

Intermediate level:

Joy Ride (Reading Task **1B**, T / F / NS)
Road Accidents (Use of English Task **3A**, gapfill)
Driven to Destruction (Use of English Task **4B**, substitution)
 <On getting a driving licence> (Oral Task **2C**, discussion point)

B

Advanced level:

Get Out Of My Way (Reading Task **2A**; special: American context: SUVs, classic American attitudes towards consumption, gov't)
 "The world would be a better place without cars" (Oral Task **2B**, arguing for / against the proposition)