

Warm up: Tell what kind of car or truck you drive. Did you drive in your home country? Did you ride the school bus as a child? If you didn't, how did you get to school? Are cars more expensive here or in your home country?

I. Study the vocabulary.

II. Read these paragraphs and answer the questions.

1-I bought a Toyota hybrid. My gas mileage is great. I fill up every two weeks.

What kind of car did she buy? How often does she fill her tank with gasoline?
If you go a long way on a little gas you get good _____ .

2-My dad drives a sports car convertible, but Mother drives a van. I hope I can buy a small SUV.

What kind of car does he want to buy? What does Dad drive? What does Mom drive?

3-We had a great vacation. We used the neighbor's RV and went camping. My dad drove. We sat in the back and played games. My mom fixed us snacks as we rode. We went to five states.

What kind of vehicle did they take on vacation? Who drove? What did the kids do? What did the mother do?

4-Tomorrow night is prom night. We are taking a limousine downtown. We will eat in a nice restaurant. Then we will go to the dance. I can't wait until tomorrow.

What is prom night? Where is the limousine taking them? What will they do?

(Prom night is a formal dance just before graduation of the senior year. Everyone gets a date, rents limousines and goes to fancy restaurants. Then they go to the dance. Then there are parties after the dance. Everyone stays up until the early hours of the morning.)

5-My car died. The engine just stopped running. I called a tow truck. He should be here soon. I hope it isn't too expensive.

What happened to his car? Who did he call? Do you think the tow truck will be expensive?

6-My children ride the school bus. It stops at our door. The children like riding the bus. It is a safe way to go to school.

Did you ride the bus to school? How did you get to school?

7-We moved to New York. We used a moving company. They came to our house with a moving van. They picked up our furniture. They loaded it on the truck. They drove our furniture to New York. They unloaded it at our new house. It was easy, but expensive.

Where did they move? How did they move? Did you use a moving van when you moved?

8-We moved ourselves to Dallas. My uncle loaned us his pickup truck. We loaded everything in the back and drove it to our new house. It took three trips, but we got it all done. It didn't cost anything.

Compare the moves in number 7 and number 8. How many times have you moved? Did you ever move yourself?

III. Write a sentence using the words given. Then read your sentence to the class. (Teachers, write the sentences on the board and correct.) The first one is done for you.

1. (drive/school/SUV) I drive the kids to school in my SUV. _____
2. (loan/brother/car) _____
3. (move/Seattle/August) _____
4. (dump truck/dumped/dirt) _____
5. (drive/minivan/to work) _____
6. (bought/convertible/son) _____
7. (took/camper/camping trip) _____
8. (take/taxi/often) _____
9. (ride/bus/class) _____
10. (show/car/fast) _____

IV. Read the phrase and tell what you think it means. Use it in a sentence.

car pool:

test drive:

road hog:

backseat driver:

road rage:

keep on truckin':

drive through window: