



On the Road

English for talking
about cars and
driving



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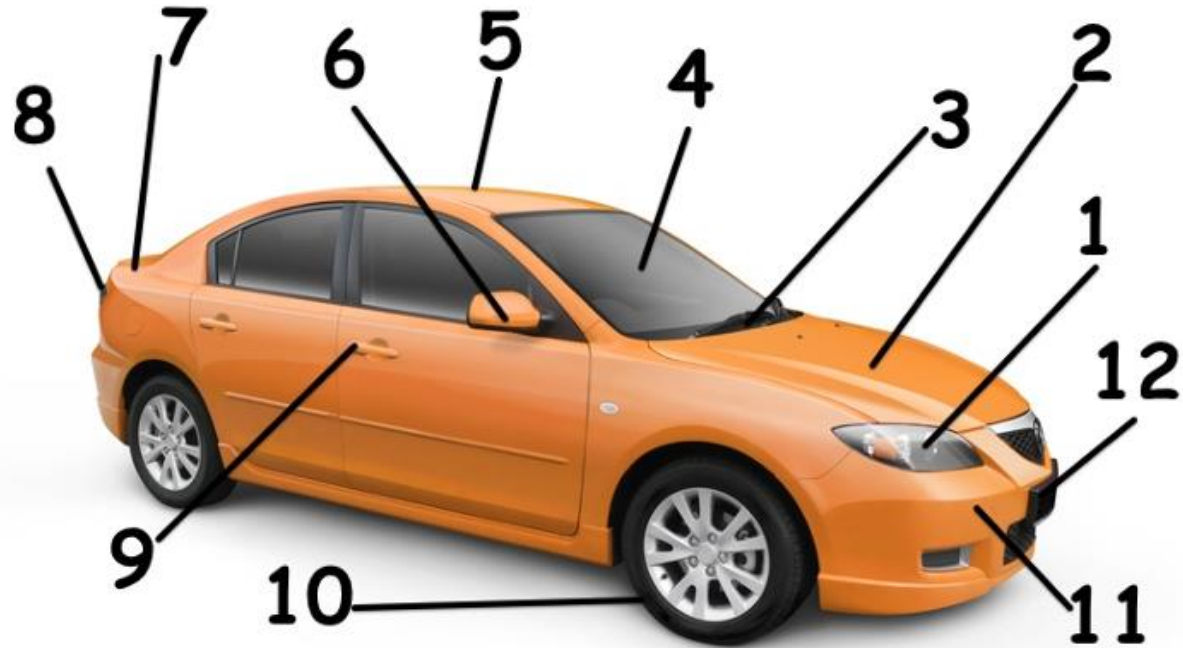
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Car Parts inside & out



Car Parts

UK



2 bonnet

9 door handle

12 registration plate

4 windscreen

7 boot

1 headlight

5 roof

3 windscreen wiper

11 bumper

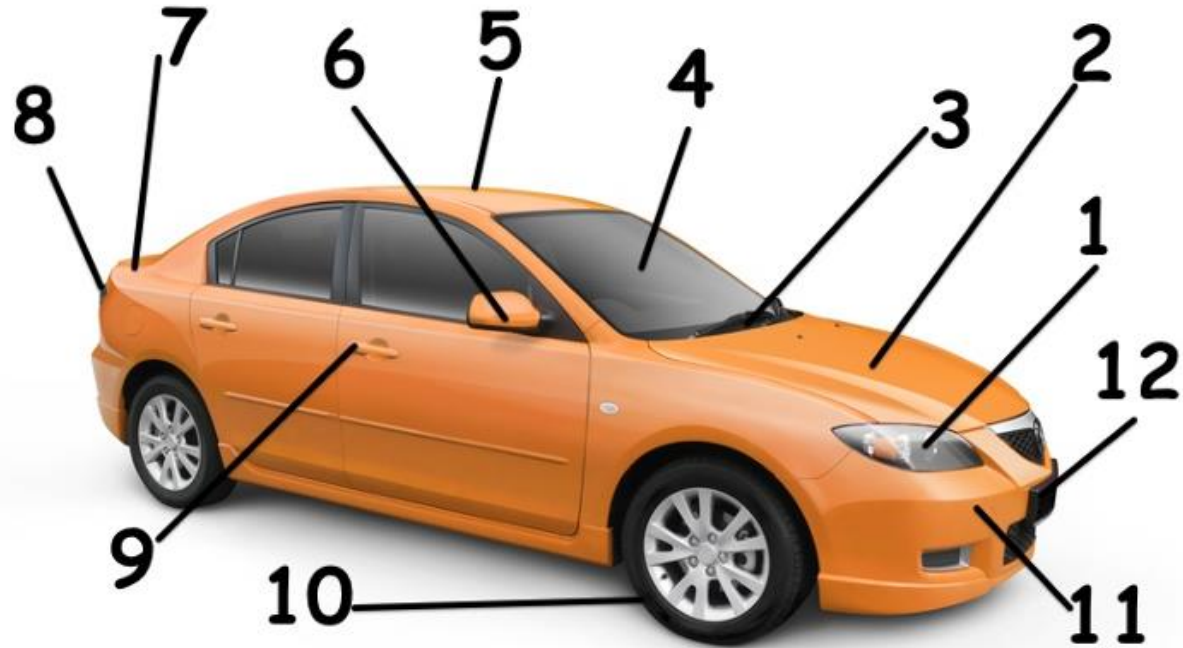
8 rear light

10 tyre

6 wing mirror

Car Parts

US



11 bumper

2 hood

6 side-view mirror

7 trunk

9 door handle

12 license plate

8 tail light

4 windshield

1 headlight

5 roof

10 tire

3 windshield wiper

Quiz

1. What spare car part is often kept in the boot (trunk) of a car?

Answer – a tyre (tire)

Quiz

2. Headlights are on the front of the car, but what is the name for the lights on the back?

Answer – rear lights (tail lights)

Quiz

3. If rain is falling on your **windscreen** (**windshield**), what should you turn on?

Answer – windscreen wipers (windshield wipers)

Quiz

5. What is the name for the plate containing a unique letter/number combination and placed above the cars front and rear **bumpers**?

Answer – registration plate (license plate)

Quiz

6. What should you always check before overtaking?

Answer – wing mirrors (side-mirrors)

Quiz

7. Where is the engine usually in an ICE (Internal Combustion Engine) car?

Answer – in the bonnet (hood)

Car Interior



speedometer

↓ steering wheel

handle →

accelerator/
gas

brake, clutch

gear stick

driver's seat

front passenger seat

Side Note



Pilot



Driver

Quiz

1. Which pedal speeds up the car and which one slows it down?

Answer – the accelerator (the gas) and the brake

Quiz

2. What do you use to direct the wheels/direction of the car?

Answer – the steering wheel

Quiz

4. What gauge let's you see how fast you're going?

Answer – the speedometer

Quiz

3. What part of the car has the numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and R written on it?

Answer – the gear stick

Quiz

5. If you shout “shot gun” where do you want to sit in the car?

Answer – the front passenger seat

Naked Gun

What three words describing parts a car do you hear in this scene?



Transcript

Police squad! Follow that black car. The car, follow that car

Right Stephanie check your **mirror**. **Signal** now pull into traffic. Try and ease off on the **brake**. Give it a little **gas**.

I know a **cut short/shortcut** turn left here. There he is!

Easy!

Turn right. Follow him to the right.

It's okay, now normally you would not be going 65 down the wrong way of a **one-direction/one-way street**. Apply the **brakes**. Now put it in **back gear/reverse**.

You dumb broad!

All right Stephanie gently extend your arm. Extend your middle finger. Very good, well done.

There he is. Go for it Stephanie!

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02

Pronouncing makes and models



Skoda

/'ʃkɔʊdə/



Remember:

Don't pronounce
and extra syllable
on words starting
st, sp, sl etc

Speedometer

Steering wheel

Spare (tyre)

Spark plug

Sports car

Stop sign

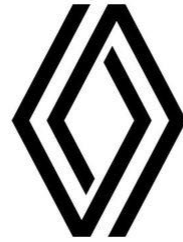
Scooter

Slalom



Renault

/'rɛn.oʊ/



Remember:

If it's a French
word, the T is
silent in
English

Renault

Peugeot

Chevrolet

Valet parking

Chalet

Buffet

Rapport

Ballet

BMW

bi:em'dablju:



Remember:

If it's only
2 or 3 letters,
say acronyms
letter by letter

They make **EVs** (Electric Vehicles) and **ICE** (Internal Combustion Engine) cars

Every car has a **VIN** (Vehicle Identification Number)

I want to buy an **SUV** (Sports Utility Vehicle),

New cars have a lot of **LEDs** (Light Emitting Diodes)

Is your car a **ULEV?** (Ultra Low Emissions Vehicle)

Turn on the **SAT-NAV** (Satellite Navigation)



Tesla



/tɛzlə/



Remember:

Sometimes an
S is a Z

business

disease

easy

husband

noisy

raise

reason

President

surprising

these

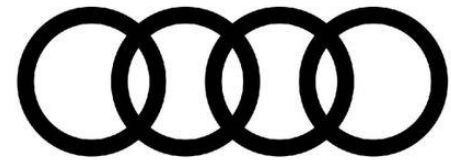
thousand

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday



Audi

/ˈaʊ.di/



Remember:

**Audi is the
exception to
the rule!**

automobile

automatic

autopilot

audience

audit

August

author

authority

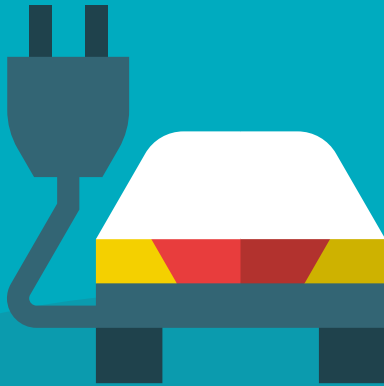
autumn

exhaust

launch

03

Electric Cars



HOME



EVs (Electric Vehicles)

- Battery
- To charge
- To plug in
- Range



EVs in the news - Tesla

How has Tesla stock been performing recently?

Why?



EVs in the news - Tesla

If customers aren't buying Tesla, what are they buying? ICE cars or other brands of EV?

Why?



EVs in the news - Tesla

What happened in China?



04

Idioms & Expressions



HOME

To leave someone in the dust



“BYD the Chinese EV and battery company...is on pace to **leave Tesla in the dust** as the global leader in electric vehicle sales this year”

To leave someone in the dust = To leave someone far behind, usually because you are faster or better than them.



To make a U-turn

To change direction completely
in opinion, policy, plan etc



Many people are hoping that Trump will make a U
turn on his tariff policies





To shift gears

To change from one activity, method, or focus to another.

The conversation shifted gears when we started talking about US politics.



Down the road

In the future, or at some point later on

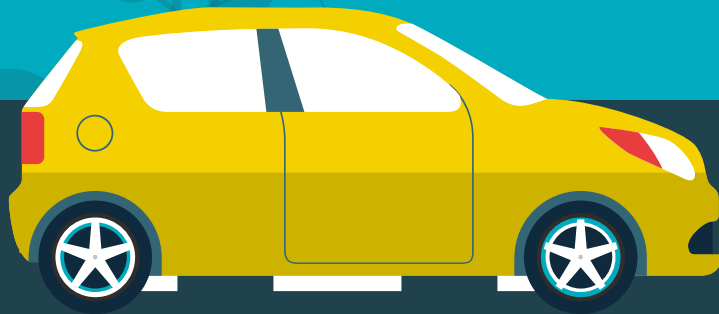
We may consider expanding the business down the road when we have more resources.



Middle-of-the-road

Something that is average or neutral.
Not extreme.

Their opinion on the matter is quite middle-of-the-road, not too radical.

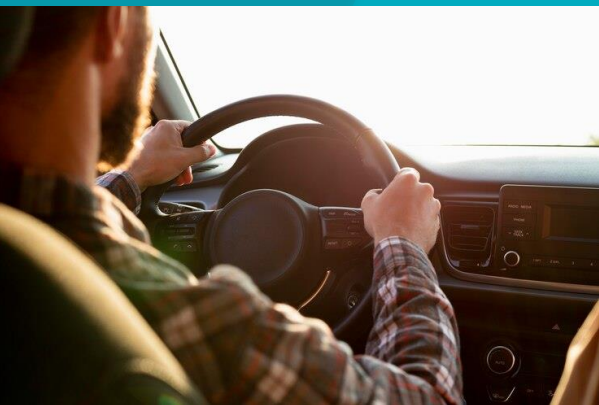


A Spare Tyre

A roll of fat
around a
person's
waist

I need to get rid of
this spare tyre!





To be in the driver's seat

To be in control or in charge
of a situation.

The coach is in the driver's seat when it comes
to making the game strategy





To be a backseat driver

To give unwanted advice or be overly controlling when not in charge.

He's a backseat driver, telling me how to do my job, even though he doesn't work here



05

Renting a car





Things to consider:

Pick up / Drop off

Additional cost,
extra charge,
fee



Kind of car

Economy



Intermediate



SUV



Compact



Convertible



Transmission:

**Automatic or
Manual?**

Fuel Type:

**Petrol, Diesel,
Electric or
Hybrid?**



Fuel Policy:

Full-to-Full

Full-to-Empty

Fair Use

Pre-Pay option



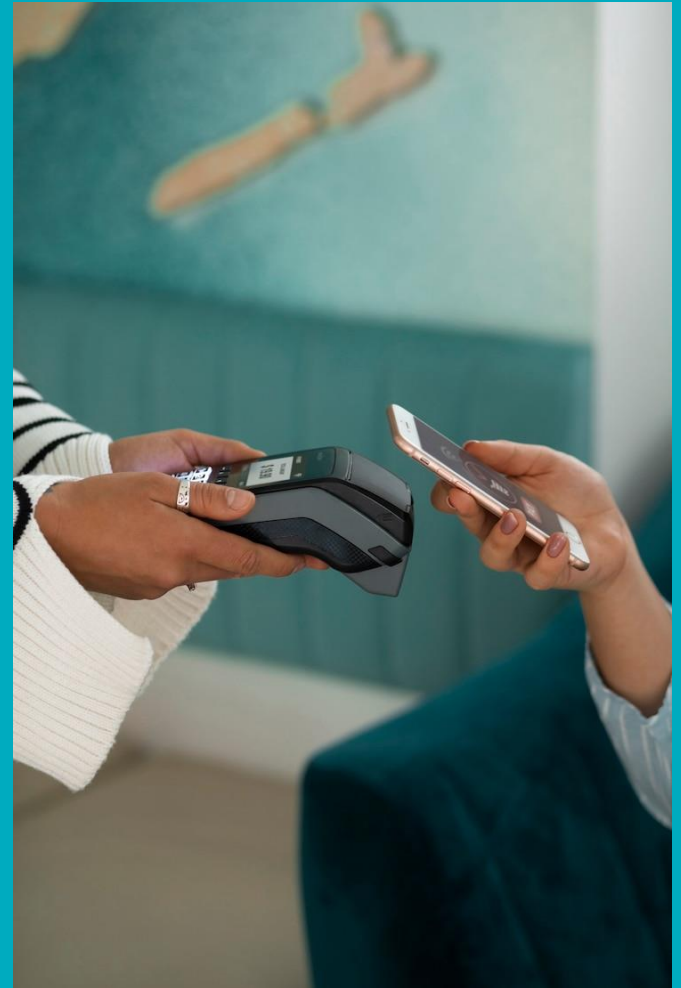
Additional Charges:

Additional Driver Fee

One-Way Fee

Late Return Fee

Cleaning Fee



Insurance Options:

Third-Party Liability

Collision Damage

Waiver

Personal Accident Ins.

Roadside Protection

Excess Reduction



Listening

1. How long is Jenny renting the car for?
2. What kind of car does Jenny rent?
3. What additional fees will she have to pay for the rental?



THANKS

Do you have any questions?

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