

Daily Life - Renting A Car (C0138)

Man: Hi, I made a reservation for a mid-size vehicle.
The name is Jimmy Fox.

Agent: I'm sorry, we have no mid-size available at the moment.

Man: I don't understand, I made a reservation, do you have my reservation?

Agent: Yes, we do, unfortunately we ran out of cars.

Man: But the reservation keeps the car here. That's why you have the reservation.

Agent: I know why we have reservations.

Man: I don't think you do. If you did, I'd have a car. See, you know how to take the reservation, you just don't know how to hold the reservation and that's really the most important part of the reservation, the holding. Anybody can just take them.

Agent: But we do have a compact or an SUV if you'd like.

Man: Fine. I'll take the compact.

Agent: Alright. We have a blue Ford Focus for you Mr. Fox. Would you like insurance?

Man: Yeah, you better give me the insurance, because I am gonna beat the hell out of this car.

Key Vocabulary

make a reservation

phrase

to make an arrangement to hold something for later

have no	<i>phrase</i>	to not have any
run out	<i>phrase</i>	to have no more
you better	<i>phrase</i>	you should
beat the hell out of	<i>phrase</i>	to purposefully abuse something
mid-size vehi- cle	<i>phrase</i>	a medium sized car
at the moment	<i>phrase</i>	at the present time
compact	<i>common noun, plu- ral</i>	a small car
SUV		sport utility vehicle
insurance	<i>common noun, non- variable</i>	protection from costs of accidental damage

Supplementary Vocabulary

rental agree- ment	<i>phrase</i>	contract signed with details of car rental
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daily rate	<i>phrase</i>	the amount of money to be paid per day the car is rented
book	<i>verb</i>	to make arrangements for later
coverage	<i>common noun, non- variable</i>	the protection that is offered by an insurance policy
leave a deposit	<i>phrase</i>	to leave money when you rent a car and that you get back if you return the car in good condition