

**Daily Life - Car Trouble** (C0221)

A: Car trouble center. How may I help you?

B: My car won't start! Stupid old car!

A: Hold on, before you kick your car let's go through some possible problems.

B: Fine.

A: Ok, first of all, can you turn the key in the ignition?

B: Yeah! I am here with my friend and he thinks it may be the spark plug or the starter motor.

A: Those are possible problems, but tell me, when you turn the key, do you hear the starter motor crank?

B: Yeah, it sounds like it usually does when I start the car, but nothing else happens. The engine won't start. Should I maybe press the accelerator?

A: No. If you step on the accelerator pedal you can flood the carburetor and your car will never start.

B: So what do you think it is?

A: I know this may seem like a silly question, but does your car have gasoline?

B: Umm. yeah! Right! I got the car started! Thanks for your help! I told you to fill the tank!

### Key Vocabulary

go through	<i>P</i>	look at (something) in a careful way
ignition	<i>N</i>	a device to start up the car
spark plug	<i>P</i>	electrical device that ignites the gas by electric
starter motor	<i>P</i>	an electric motor for starting an engine
crank	<i>V</i>	to start (an engine, motor, etc.)
engine	<i>N</i>	the device which helps cars getting running

accelerator	<i>N</i>	a pedal that controls the throttle valve
carburetor	<i>N</i>	mixes air with gasoline vapor prior to explosion

### Supplementary Vocabulary

to stall	<i>V</i>	when a car's engine will not start
brakes	<i>N</i>	the mechanism which stops the car
gas tank	<i>N</i>	the tank which carries the car's gasoline
seat belt	<i>N</i>	the strap which protects from an accident
tow truck	<i>N</i>	a service which repairs or retrieves a broken car