

Vocabulary

We can fly there and then **rent** a car when we arrive.

Look around the car and check that it's OK. Make sure it's not **damaged**.

When you rent a car, you have to leave a sum of money called a **deposit**, in case you damage the car or don't bring it back.

What sort of **fuel** does the car use? **Gasoline** or **diesel**?

Make sure you don't put the wrong sort of fuel in the **tank**.

The window at the front of a car is called a **windshield**.

The **trunk** is at the back of the car. You can put things in it, such as luggage.

To be allowed to drive a car on the highway, you must have a **driver's license**.

Cars need to have **insurance** to cover the cost of possible accidents.

13.3 Follow-up

Use the words below to complete 1–6. Then check your answers in Reading 13.3.

damage fender license mileage tank tire

- 1 At the depot, check the car carefully and make sure all _____ is noted.
- 2 Don't forget to look at the windshield, and the front and rear _____.
- 3 And open the trunk to check that the spare _____ is inflated.
- 4 Make sure the car's _____ is noted correctly ...
- 5 Also check what to put in the _____ : gas or diesel.
- 6 Don't forget to take your driver's _____ back after it's been photocopied.

Reading 13.3



CHECKLIST 3

CHECKLIST 1
CHECKLIST 2
▶ CHECKLIST 3
CHECKLIST 4

This checklist contains some points to remember when you rent a car.

- ✓ Check the car carefully and make sure all damage is noted. Don't forget to look at the windshield, and the front and rear fender. If you know about cars, you could also have a quick check under the hood. And open the trunk to check the spare tire is inflated.
- ✓ Make sure the car's mileage is noted correctly, as well as the reading on the fuel gauge. Also check whether to put gas or diesel in the tank.
- ✓ Ensure you take away all the necessary documents for the car (insurance, etc.). Don't forget to take your driver's license back after it's been photocopied.
- ✓ You'll have to leave a deposit, using your credit card. Check with the person at the desk that this sum won't be debited from your account unless the car is damaged.

Practice Exercise 1

Write words to match the descriptions about cars and renting cars.

- 1 what you put in a car – for example, gasoline or diesel
- 2 a document that shows that someone is qualified to drive
- 3 the compartment at the back of a car, for luggage
- 4 a security payment – refunded when you return a rental car
- 5 the window at the front of a car
- 6 financial protection against the cost of an accident

Practice Exercise 2

Match the American and British English terms for the same thing!

AMERICAN ENGLISH	BRITISH ENGLISH
1. Stick Shift	A. Petrol
2. Highway	B. Footpath/ Pavement
3. Sidewalk	C. Bumper
4. Parking Lot	D. Junction
5. Intersection	E. Road
6. Expressway/ Freeway	F. Boot
7. Traffic Circle	G. Windscreen
8. Rent A Car	H. Car Park
9. Windshield	I. Motorway
10. Fender	J. Hire a Car
11. Hood	K. Manual Transmission
12. Trunk	L. Roundabout
13. gasoline/gas	M. bonnet

ANSWERS

Follow up 13.3

1. damage
2. fender
3. tire
4. mileage
5. fuel tank
6. license

Practice Exercise 1

1. fuel
2. driving license
3. boot/trunk
4. deposit
5. windscreen/ windshield
6. insurance

Practice Exercise 2

1. K
2. E
3. B
4. H
5. D
6. I
7. L
8. J
9. G
10. C
11. M
12. F
13. A

American English

British English

stick shift

manual transmission

highway
sidewalk

road
footpath/
pavement

parking lot
intersection
expressway/
freeway

car park
junction
motorway

traffic circle

roundabout

rent a car

hire a car

windshield

windscreen

fender

bumper

hood

bonnet

trunk

boot

gasoline/gas

petrol