

## Daily Life - Buying a Car (C0038)

- A: Hi there, can I help you folks?
- B: I'm just browsing; seeing what's on the lot. My daughter wants a car for her birthday, you know how it is.
- C: Dad! I'm sixteen already and I'm, like, the only one at school who doesn't have a car!
- A: She is right, you know. Kids these days all have cars. Let me show you something we just got in: a 1996 sedan. Excellent gas mileage, it has dual airbags and anti lock brakes; a perfect vehicle for a young driver.
- C: Dad, I love it! It's awesome! Can we get this one please?
- B: I see... What can you tell me about this one?

A: Oh, that's just an old World War Two tank that we use for TV commercials. Now about this sedan...

B: Whoa, whoa wait a minute. Tell me more about this tank.

A: Well, Sir, if you are looking for quality and safety then look no further! Three inches of reinforced steel protect your daughter from short range missile attacks.

B: Does the sedan protect her from missile attacks?

A: It does not.

B: Well, I don't know. Let me sleep on it.

A: Did I mention the tank is a tank?

B: I'll take it!

C: Dad!

## Key Vocabulary

|              |                              |   |
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| browse       | <i>verb</i>                  | look around to see if anything is interesting             |
| sedan        | <i>common noun, singular</i> | a car with four doors                                     |
| gas mileage  | <i>common noun, singular</i> | the amount of gas used per mile                           |
| dual airbags | <i>common noun, plural</i>   | two airbags, one for the driver and one for the passenger |
| brake        | <i>common noun, plural</i>   | a device that slows down or stops something               |

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| <b>vehicle</b>     | <i>common noun, singular</i> | something that carries people from one place to another            |
| <b>reinforce</b>   | <i>Adjective</i>             | strengthen, make something stronger                                |
| <b>sleep on it</b> | <i>phrase</i>                | think about something further and make a decision later (informal) |

## Supplementary Vocabulary

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| <b>minivan</b>   | <i>common noun, singular</i> | a vehicle that is larger than a car, has four doors and is shaped like a box |
| <b>SUV</b>       | <i>common noun, singular</i> | a large vehicle that is suitable to run on rough surfaces                    |
| <b>sale</b>      | <i>common noun, singular</i> | an event where goods or services are sold at a price lower than usual        |
| <b>promotion</b> | <i>common noun, singular</i> | something (usually advertising) that is done to increase sales               |



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| <b>discount</b> | <i>common noun, singular</i> | the amount of reduction in price                                |
| <b>bargain</b>  | <i>common noun, singular</i> | something bought or sold at a price lower than its actual value |