

**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

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

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

### Supplementary Vocabulary

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

discount

*common*  
*noun, sin-*  
*gular*

the amount of reduc-  
tion in price

bargain

*common*  
*noun, sin-*  
*gular*

something bought or  
sold at a price lower  
than its actual value