

<b>Topic 175</b>	A friend of yours has received some money and plans to use all of it either to go on vacation or to buy a car. Your friend has asked you for advice. Compare your friend's two choices and explain which one you think your friend should choose. Use specific reasons and details to support your choice.
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<b>1. Brainstorming</b>
<p>cars represent wealth</p> <p>no need to use public transportation</p> <p>vacation leaves an unforgettable reminiscence</p>
<b>2. Outlining</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- economical, and more lucrative choices</li> <li>- Opinion : cars</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Body <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. emotional fluctuation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- euphoria and pleasure</li> <li>- sense of vain and loss after the vacation</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. opportunity cost <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- convenience &gt; euphoria of vacation</li> <li>- car guarantees a lifelong service</li> </ul> </li> <li>3. preparation of future life <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- a number of expenses ⇒ no money for future investments</li> <li>- senescence : low income</li> <li>- buying car : lowers the burden</li> </ul> </li> </ol> </li> <li>• Conclusion</li> </ul>

### 3. Essay Writing

Every individual is preordained to confront with crossroads to select only one choice from a number of proposals. Whether it is related to economy, relationship, or other aspects, it is essential for them to make a more lucrative, economical, and time-efficient choices. Applying this belief to the question of whether to spend money on vacation or purchasing cars, I firmly believe that the latter one should be considered chosen for a variety of reasons.

First and foremost, spending all money on a more lavish and luxurious leisure time involves erratic fluctuation of emotion. The instantaneous euphoria and a sense of pleasure is large enough to lure a consumer to do so. It also leaves a good memory as a reminiscence. Though, the sense of vain and loss originated from the perception that the leisure time has ended maximizes, of which the degree depends on how much did the person has spent, and how luxurious the leisure time was. Once the person is addicted to it, he will find it difficult both to deviate from the desire to spend more money in a vacation again, and to enjoy the life anymore by perceiving his current situation. This makes the person more stressed and decreases the ability to adapt to the daily life again.

Second of all, the opportunity cost of investing money in a car is less than that of spending on vacation. In other words, the prolonged improvement of convenience of the life by possessing a car is larger than the momentary euphoria obtained from a luxurious vacation. For instance, unless the consumer manages to replace the car with new one, and the car itself breaks down due to mechanical flaws, it can be driven forever. Provided that the person manages to do so with accepting all of social criticisms and mockeries regarding being obsolete, and the car is sturdy enough to endure the eternity, he obtains abilities to go anywhere he wants in anytime for the car price of approximately 30000 dollars for the entire lifetime. If he concludes to go for the vacation, he literally gives up the semi-permanent abilities.

Last of all, considering the preparation of the future life, particularly after marriage and in the period of nurture, investment in a car is integral, while investment in a vacation is just a waste of time. It cannot be denied that with personal income of an average person, there aren't many things available in society. Especially in nowadays, when the world's economic circumstance is extremely worst, almost no residue is left after paying for insurances, managements, taxes, rental fees, and life expenses. This makes it impossible for them to prepare for the senescence, in which they cannot rely on their profit anymore. As car has become one of the necessities for every family and

individual, preliminary action to purchase that diminishes the future burden.

In overall, determination to possess a vehicle is a more helpful choice than to squander all of the finances in leisure time in terms of effects of emotional changes, opportunity costs, and preparation of the future.

#### 4. Speaking

In my opinion, proposal to buy a car is a more helpful choice.

First, opportunity cost of buying a car is less than that of spending on vacation. Convenience of life from a car is larger than the euphoria from luxurious leisure time. Car guarantees semi – permanent services, so by choosing the vacation, he gives up this valuable lifelong ability.

Second, purchasing a car contributes to a better quality of future life, while spending on vacation is just a waste of money. Preliminary preparation of future life is integral due to low income in senescence period, and car lowers the burden.