

M: Hello English learners! Welcome back to **EnglishPod**! My name is **Marco**.

E: And I'm **Erica**.

M: And today we're bringing you another great lesson for all of you, who are interested in shopping.

E: Especially those of you, who are interested in shopping for a car.

M: A car.

E: Uhu.

M: Exactly. So, we're gonna give you some great language about describing a car or characteristics of a car.

E: Yeah.

M: And also some really interesting language for shopping.

E: Yes, especially buying something really big and expensive.

M: Yeah, like a car.

E: Yeah.

M: So, before we listen to our dialogue let's take a look at "**vocabulary preview**".

Voice: Vocabulary preview.

M: On vocabulary preview today we're bringing two words. The first one is **vehicle**.

E: Vehicle.

M: Vehicle.

E: Vehicle.

M: So, again a vehicle is a machine, right?

E: Right, a machine that carries people from one place to another.

M: So, it's important to say that a vehicle could be an airplane...

E: A car.

M: A car.

E: A boat.

M: Boat.

E: Even a bicycle.

M: Right.

E: Yeah.

M: That's a vehicle. Our second word is **sedan**.

E: Sedan.

M: Sedan.

E: Sedan.

M: So, a sedan is a type of car.

E: Exactly. It... it's a type of car with four doors that can fit five people inside.

M: So, to make it more clear, most taxis are sedans.

E: Exactly.

M: Right?

E: Yeah.

M: They have four doors.

E: Yeah.

M: Five people can fit in there...

E: Yeah.

M: Including the driver. Except taxis in Mexico.

E: They're not sedans?

M: They're little Beetles.

E: Oh.

M: The Volkswagen Beetles.

E: Okay.

M: So, those are not sedans. But, yeah, most, uh, countries have sedans as taxis.

E: Yeah.

M: To give you some examples, like a Toyota Corolla or a Toyota Camry is a sedan.

E: Yeah, yeah. Maybe like, uh, a Volkswagen Jetta is that a....

M: A Jetta, yeah...

E: Yeah.

M: A Jetta is the sedan.

E: Yeah.

M: Now, we could listen to our dialogue and it's gonna be at a normal speed, the first time, but you don't have to worry about it.

E: We'll come back and teach you some of the important words from the dialogue.

DIALOGUE, FIRST TIME

M: I think she's really lucky. She's...

E: Really?

M: She's getting a tank to go to school. How awesome is that?

E: Uh, I would be so embarrassed **if I had to** drive to school on a tank.

M: That's like the coolest car.

E: Oh, you're such a boy.

M: Hehe. Alright, a surprising ending to, uh, relatively easy shopping day.

E: Yeah.

M: Uh, let's take a look at some... language that we saw in our dialogue on "**language takeaway**".

Voice: Language takeaway.

E: We have four words for you today. The first one is **gas mileage**.

M: Gas mileage.

E: Gas mileage.

M: Gas mileage. So, gas mileage is how many miles you can travel on a gallon or liter of gasoline.

E: Well, you know, it's interesting in some English speaking countries like Australia, New Zealand, Canada, we use kilometers...

M: Right.

E: To measure distance. But we still talk about gas mileage.

M: Uh.

E: Yeah.

M: I guess you can't say **gas kilomiliage**.

E: No.

M: Or... or some like that. But, yeah, it's... yeah, basically, how many kilometers or how many miles you can travel on a **tank** or on a liter or gallon of gas.

E: Exactly.

M: Okay.

E: The next word is **airbags**.

M: Airbags.

E: Airbags.

M: Airbags.

E: These are like big bags of air that fill up and come out of the car when there's a crash.

M: Right, so, that way you don't hit your head against...

E: Yeah.

M: The steering wheel or...

E: Yeah.

M: Something like that.

E: So, they protect you.

M: Right, I've heard that Volvo has like eighteen airbags now in their cars.

E: They are very safe cars, you know.

M: Hehe. Like a big balloon.

E: Aha.

M: Okay, our third word today is **brakes**.

E: Brakes.

M: Brakes.

E: Brakes. So, what are brakes?

M: Brakes are little... What are breaks? Breaks are what make your car stop.

E: Okay, so, **that the** little machines maybe that stop your car.

M: Yeah, they're on the wheels.

E: Yeah.

M: They make your car stop.

E: Aha.

M: You have brakes on your bike.

E: Yes.

M: On your car, etcetera.

E: Uhu.

M: Our last word today on language takeaway – **reinforced**.

E: Reinforced.

M: Reinforced.

E: Reinforced.

M: So, we have some examples of how we use reinforced, because it's a little bit weird.

E: Yeah, these will help you understand the meaning.

Voice: Example one.

A: So, I reinforced all the walls; there's no way they're gonna fall down.

Voice: Example two.

B: This plastic is reinforced with the glass, so it's both light and strong.

M: So, basically, anything that's reinforced is made stronger.

E: Perfect.

M: Reinforced steel...

E: Yep.

M: Reinforced table.

E: Aha.

M: Anything. Okay. Great, so now we could listen to our dialogue again. You can practice all these words that we just talked about and we'll come back shortly.

DIALOGUE, SECOND TIME (slow)

E: So, we have a couple of interesting phrases to talk about shopping.

M: Right.

E: Let's look at these in "**fluency builder**".

Voice: Fluency builder.

M: The first one is **I'm just browsing**.

E: I'm just browsing.

M: I'm just browsing.

E: I'm just browsing.

M: This is a really useful phrase, because usually salespeople will come up to you and ask you "can I help you?" or...

E: Yeah.

M: "Are you interested in something?"

E: Yeah.

M: And you're just looking, so...

E: Yeah, you maybe... you don't really wanna buy today.

M: Right.

E: Yeah.

M: So, you're just "uh, I'm just browsing".

E: Uhu.

M: So, then they'll just leave you alone and...

E: Yeah, they won't bother you **as much**.

M: Yeah, it's a good, good phrase.

E: Another good phrase.

M: **Sleep on it.**

E: Sleep on it.

M: Sleep on it.

E: Sleep on it.

M: So, we have some examples of how we use **sleep on it**.

Voice: Example one.

A: I don't know if we should buy that house. It's perfect for us, but it's so expensive.

B: Let's sleep on it.

Voice: Example two.

C: Why don't you sleep on it and tell me tomorrow?

Voice: Example three.

D: This is a bit more than what I can afford; let me sleep on it.

M: To sleep on it means to...

E: Like to think about it overnight.

M: To think about it, right?

E: Yeah.

M: So, maybe you wanna buy this really expensive car.

E: But you need to think about it.

M: Right.

E: So, you'll sleep on it.

M: So... yeah. You go home, sleep on it, think about it twice and then make a decision.

E: Exactly.

M: Okay, great words and great dialogue, so...

E: Yeah, I love this dialogue.

M: Yeah, it was... it's kind of funny. So, we could listen to it again and then we'll come back and talk a little bit about it.

DIALOGUE, THIRD TIME

E: So, Marco, have you ever driven a tank?

M: Hehe. Well...

E: I... I mean know you were in the army, so...

M: Yeah, yeah. Um, yeah, actually I did... I did drive, uh, a tank before.

E: Really?

M: A really... yeah, a really old one...

E: Really?

M: Kind of like a World War Two type tank. But, yeah, they're really fun and interesting. You have... it's not like driving a normal car. You have pedals and you have...

E: So, there's no steering wheel?

M: No, no, no. You have, um, levers...

E: Yeah.

M: And, uh... what many people don't know is that actually tanks are... manual transmission, so you have to change gears.

E: Oh, really?

M: And it's really hard to change gears on those **things**.

E: And what's the gas mileage like on a tank?

M: Hehe. I don't know, maybe like five miles per gallon, well...

E: Okay.

M: They run on diesel...

E: Aha.

M: Witch is a different type of fuel, right?

E: Yep. Okay, well, very cool. I never knew that my podcast partner had driven a tank. That's pretty awesome.

M: Yeah, well, it was... it was fun, definitely and... I hope I get to do it again some day.

E: Alright. Well, uh, guys, have you ever driven a tank?

M: Or a submarine or any type of, uh, armor vehicle.

E: Yeah, tell us about it at our website englishpod.com.

M: Right, we'll be there to answer all your questions. I'll also be there to maybe post some more crazy stories.

E: Or some pictures of the tank or something.

M: Yeah, maybe.

E: Yeah.

M: Alright guys, we'll see you there... until then it's...

E: Good bye!

M: Bye!