

CARS, TRANSPORT

1. Describe a car (its body as well as its interior).

Indicator (light)	přední blinkr, směrovka
Bonnet	kapota
Headlight	reflektor, světlomet
Number plate	tabulka s číslem
Parking light	parkovací světlo
Front bumper	nárazník (přední)
Rear bumper	nárazník (zadní)
Wheel	kolo
Tyre	pneumatika
Hubcap	kryt kola, poklice
Windscreen	přední sklo
Windscreen wiper	stěrač
Rear light	zadní světlo
Boot	zavazadlový prostor
Side mirror	zpětné zrcátko (vnější)
Exhaust pipe	výfuk
Fuel tank	palivová nádrž
Dashboard	přístrojová deska
Speedometer	tachometr
Petrol gauge	ukazatel množství paliva ("hladové očko")
Horn	houkačka, klakson
Steering wheel	volant
Ignition	zapalování
Starter	startér
Rear-view mirror	zpětné zrcátko (vnitřní)
Clutch (pedal)	spojkový pedál
Brake (pedal)	brzdový pedál
Accelerator (pedal)	plynový pedál
Gear lever	řadicí páka
Handbrake	ruční brzda
Seat belt	bezpečnostní pás

2. Give various reasons for using a car. What are the advantages and disadvantages of it?

These days almost every family in the Czech Republic have one or even more cars and cannot imagine their lives without them. People use cars for various reasons in both their everyday lives and during holidays. A lot of people use them to do shopping, to see a doctor, to commute to work or to school, to go on business, to visit relatives or friends. One of the most important reasons is tourism however, especially during the holidays.

Going by car is usually more comfortable than going by a public means of transport. You can go and stop anytime and anywhere you like, you need not carry big and heavy luggage in your hands/ on your back.

On the other hand, using cars also has disadvantages. Above all on the roads it may be dangerous. There are more and more vehicles but not all drivers drive carefully enough and according to traffic rules. That's why especially in winter when there are bad road conditions a lot of traffic accidents occur. Drivers spend mainly in towns and in their neighbourhoods a lot of time in traffic jams so that air is polluted with exhaust fumes. More and more roads and motorways are constructed, in that way nice and rare nature is sometimes destructed.

3. You and cars.

How many cars does your family have? What makes? (*Car make = značka auta, např. We've got a Skoda.*)

Do you have a garage? If so, where?

Do you have a driving licence? If so, speak about your driving lessons. How often and where do you go by car (drive a car)? Do you find anything difficult about driving?

What kind of a car would you like to have in future? Why? What do you think of electric cars?

Have you ever got stuck in a really bad traffic jam?

4. Other means of transport

There are a lot of other means of transport to choose from. A lot of people use public means of transport – buses, trolleybuses, trams and the underground to travel around a town/city. To get to more (or very) distant places you can take a train, bus/coach or plane. Of course, you can also ride a bike or a motorbike or sometimes even go by a more romantic means of transport (boats/ships/ferries, cable cars or chair lifts etc.)

Speak about advantages and disadvantages of individual means of transport, compare them (speed, comfort, feeling of freedom, cost, impact on environment etc.)

Which means of transport do you like best? Speak about going to school, around a town/city, going on holiday.

Would you like to go on a cruise? Why/why not?

What is the longest journey you've ever been on?