

# Teacher Resources

## E-Reader Text



**Text:** 'I Think I Need A New Car' by Chris Kay

**Level:** Beginner

### 1. New Words:

Look up these new words in the dictionary or discuss these meanings with your teacher:

petrol

engine

mechanic

bonnet

motor

carburettor

### 2. Reading for Meaning:



Tick the right answer below

- a.  The person wanted a new car because it would not start.
- The person wanted a new car because it was green.
- b.  The person waited minutes for help.
- The person waited hours for help.
- c.  The problem was with the carburettor.
- The problem was with the engine.



### 3. Sentence Beginnings:

Finish the sentences below from the text.

a. I think I need \_\_\_\_\_

b. I waited \_\_\_\_\_

c. A green sports car \_\_\_\_\_

d. He told me the engine \_\_\_\_\_

e. I really love \_\_\_\_\_

### 4. Idioms:

An idiom is a saying in English that means something different to its literal or actual meaning.

The writer would like his car to 'purr like a kitten'.

How could you explain what this idiom means to someone else when talking about a car 'purring like a kitten'?

Purr like a kitten means

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## 5. Sentence Matching:



Draw a line to join the sentences below to match the sentences in the text. The first one is done for you.

I need a car to have room	cheaply on petrol
I need a car to run	every time I turn the key
When they made these cars	the bonnet of my car
My new car needs to run	for the family to go on holidays
I need a car to start	they made them to last
The mechanic lifted	to fit my cool image

## 6. Jumbled Sentences:

Re-order the words below to make the correct order of words. Write the sentence on the line below.

car.    I    think    new    a    need    I

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so    costs    Petrol    much

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old.    car    This    is

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## 7. Extension Activity:

### Car Advertisements:

You have decided to buy a new car. You look in the local paper for a new car.

Look at the examples below (*The Extra Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2005*) and answer the questions.

**Car finance?** **SAME DAY FINANCE** **ESANDA** **IS THERE A BETTER USED CAR SELECTION ON THE COAST?**

<p><b>HOLDEN VS VACATIONER</b></p>  <p>Auto, air cond., travelled 110,000 kims only VKJ-753</p> <p><b>\$7990</b></p>	<p><b>FORD EF FUTURA 'S'</b></p>  <p>Auto, ABS, cruise control. Dual airbags. YYD-568</p> <p><b>\$7990</b></p>	<p><b>2004 FORD COURIER TABLETOP</b></p>  <p>Manual, air cond., power steering, tow bar. S/N U2136</p> <p><b>\$17990</b></p>	<p><b>HOLDEN VY COMMODORE EXEC.</b></p>  <p>Auto, air cond., power steering. YHA-477</p> <p><b>\$18990</b></p>	<p><b>2003 MITSUBISHI ES LANCER</b></p>  <p>Auto, air cond., power steering, only 15,000 kims ZAS-111</p> <p><b>\$18990</b></p>
<p><b>2005 BA 'XR6' MKII UTE</b></p>  <p>Auto, as new, only 17,000 kims. AD-64-AI</p> <p><b>\$31990</b></p>	<p><b>2004 BA 'XR8' SEDAN</b></p>  <p>Auto, alloys, window tint, GT stripes, only 34,000 kims. ZFR-555</p> <p><b>\$34990</b></p>	<p><b>2004 NISSAN ST-R NAVARA</b></p>  <p>4x4, 3.0 Ltr turbo diesel, bull &amp; tow bars. Hard cover. AA-49-ZS</p> <p><b>\$35990</b></p>	<p><b>2005 NISSAN ST PATHFINDER</b></p>  <p>Turbo diesel, manual, 6,000 kims, one owner. JCZ-985</p> <p><b>\$39990</b></p>	<p><b>2004 FORD TS TERRITORY</b></p>  <p>AWD, alloys, cruise control, tow bar. Very low kims. ATF-49F</p> <p><b>\$41990</b></p>

### New Words:

Auto: short for automatic gears

Manual: gear change by hand

Air cond: short for air conditioning

Power Steering: easy steering

Dual airbags: air bags on both sides (dual means two)

Cruise control: automatic speed control

Window tint: dark windows

Bull bar: on front

Tow bar: on back

AWD: (Acronym) means All Wheel Drive

Alloys: alloy wheels



## Questions:

a. Which two cars are the cheapest on offer?

- The Ford EF Futura 'S' and the 2004 Ford Courier Tabletop.
- The Holden VS Vacationer and the Ford EF Futura 'S'.

b. Which car is the most expensive on offer?

- The 2004 Ford TS Territory.
- The 2005 Nissan ST Pathfinder.

c. How many cars could you choose from if you had \$35 000 to spend?

- 6
- 7
- 8

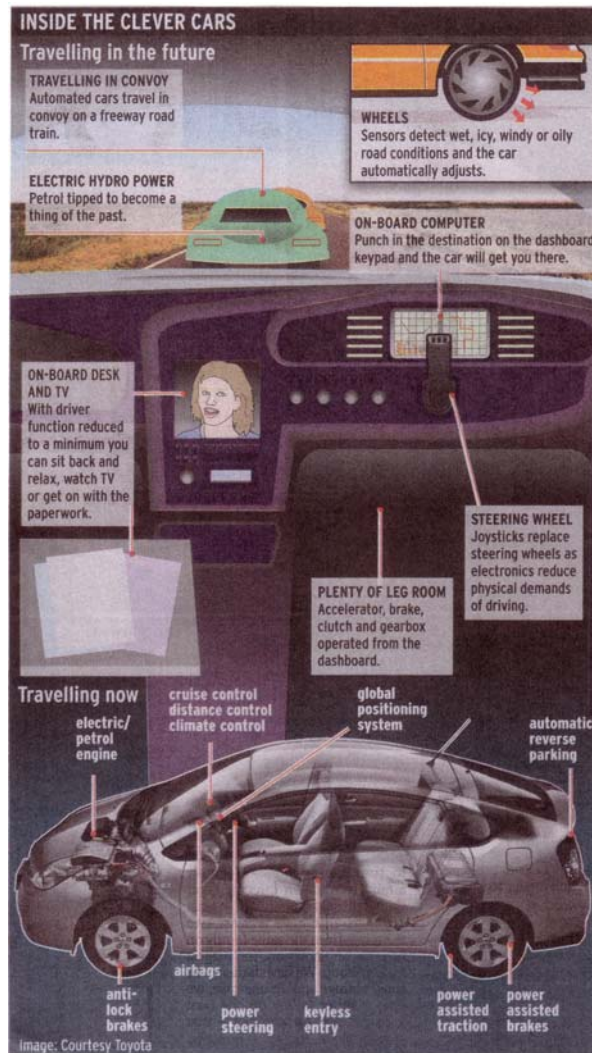
d. What is your preferred type of car?

- Ford
- Holden
- Mitsubishi
- Nissan
- Other \_\_\_\_\_



## 8. Extension Activity:

Car technology is always improving. This article (*Sun Herald December 21, 2003*) shows us what a 'clever car' of the future might include.



### Questions for discussion:

What are the clever or good ideas mentioned?

What are the dangerous or strange ideas mentioned?

Do you think a car like this will be made in the near future?

Would you like to drive a car like this?