

Classified Adverts. Buying a car

Age Group: Young Adults/ Adults

Level: High Entry 1 and Entry 2

Time: 90 Mins

Skill focus: Reading Car Ads, Abbreviations

Sub skills: Superlatives, Basic Maths

Materials: Worksheet, a photocopy of the car classifieds from your local paper.

Curriculum References: Rw/E3.1a (Understand relevant key words)

1. As a warm up to this task you could discuss the various names for car parts in English, draw a car on the board and have students help you label it with bumper, bonnet, windscreen, steering wheel etc. Give out the first worksheet and work through the answers.

Answers

- 1.) g 2.) f 3.) j 4.) m 5.) c 6.) i
7.) b 8.) d 9.) a 10.) h 11.) e 12.) k
13.) n 14.) o 15.) l

2. Ask students if they have ever bought a car. Share a few stories about car deals and listen to some of theirs. Students read the worksheet and answer the questions.

Answers

- 1.) $5 + 6$ 2.) $5 + 4$ 3.) 2 4.) 2
5.) $1 + 2$ 6.) 3 7.) 1 8.) 2
9.) 4 10.) $2 + 6$

3. For the third exercise you need to get a copy of your local newspaper. Number the ads on a page of car classifieds and photocopy them for your class. You need to number the adverts individually so you can easily identify them for the answers. Use the classified ads to answer the questions. The answers are down to you and your students to work out. Don't be afraid to discuss the 'best deal' question at length, often students know a lot about cars and have their own opinions. Using your local paper will make it more relevant to students, they will know the areas described and it will have more meaning for them.

4. The last worksheet is a simple dialogue. Have students make their own dialogues with reference to some of the adverts you have discussed.

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1.) Match the abbreviations with their meanings.

Abbreviation	Meaning
1. A/C	a) 13,000 miles on the clock
2. f/s/h	b) Sunroof
3. J-reg	c) Taxed and tested
4. Vgc	d) Central locking
5. t & t	e) Power assisted steering
6. e/w	f) Full service history
7. s/r	g) Air Conditioning
8. c/l	h) Remote central locking
9. 13 k	i) Electric windows
10. r/c/l	j) Registration is 'J'
11. p.a.s.	k) Electric mirrors
12. e/m	l) or nearest offer
13. s/r	m) Very good condition
14. immac.	n) Electric sunroof
15. ono	o) immaculate

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Classified Car Ads

2.) Read the car ads and answer the questions below.

<p>1. AIXAM 500 Hatchback, 2000 (W Reg), Blue, 6000 miles, R/C/L, F/S/H, Alloy Wheels, £5200, Tel NO Offers! 98987 434343</p>	<p>2. BMW 318Ci 1.9i (118 BHP) 2 D. Cosmos Green Met, s/wheel, AC, CD, 1 owner, 45,000 miles, full BMW SH, £13,000 ono TEL 21323232</p>	<p>3. CITROEN C2 HATCHBACK 1.6I 16V VTR 3DR BLACK CL, Alarm, Air bag, 12 K EM £10495. Tel 077765654543 after 6.</p>
<p>4. Citroen xm 2.1 diesel spares or repair, MoT till October any reasonable offer considered North Street 6575657382</p>	<p>5. Vauxhall Cavalier 1.8 GL, 1991 H registered, white, alloy wheels, 4 new tyres, not T & T, new battery, good. £400. Tel 967689675765</p>	<p>6. Nissan 300 Zx new shape, 1992, T top, 37,000 genuine miles, mint, T&T till Jan. lowered, blacked out windows, £4,995 ono</p>

1. Which cars are taxed and tested? _____
2. Which cars are less than £500? _____
3. Which car is more than £12000? _____
4. Which car has done the most miles? _____
5. Which cars have full service histories? _____

6. Which car has an airbag? _____
7. Which car had remote central locking? _____
8. Which car is green? _____
9. Which car is probably in very bad condition? _____
10. Which cars are probably in very good condition?

3.) Use the newspaper classifieds to answer the questions.

1. Write down all the BMW cars for sale.
2. Write down all the Citroen cars for sale.
3. Write down all the cars which are taxed and tested.
4. Write down the cars with full service histories.
5. Which car is the most expensive?
6. Which car is the cheapest?
7. Which car has done the least miles?
8. Which car has done the most miles?
9. Which car is the best deal?
10. Which car is the worst deal?

Telephone conversations arranging to view a car



<i>You</i>	Car Seller
	Hello.
Hello, I'm calling about your advert in the newspaper. The one for BMW.	Yes.
Can I ask a few questions?	Okay
It says in the advert it is taxed and tested, when does the MOT run out?	I think it runs out next October.
Is it a reliable car?	Well, it's certainly done a lot of miles, but it always starts.
Okay, can I come and see it?	Of course, when would you like to come?
Tonight, about six thirty?	No problem. The address is 43 Leeds Road.
Okay, I'll see you then.	Goodbye.