

Lesson 19: I was washing my car
レッスン 19: 車を洗っていました

Target: Talking about actions in the past using past progressive
 目的: 過去進行形を使って、過去に起こった事について話しましょう!

Reading
単語

New vocabulary introduced in the reading

• insure...	～に保険をかける	• put... to the test	～を試す
• (one's back) give out	疲れ果てる	• magnificent	優秀な
• physically	肉体的に	• glue	接着する
• cramp up	引きつる	• pavement	舗装道路
• a dealership	販売特約店	• aftermarket	アフターマーケット
• impressed	感動して	• a rim	(車輪のタイヤを取り付ける) 枠
• based on...	～に基づいている	• a key fob	キーホブ
• desire for...	望み	• tamper with...	～に手を加える
• up in the foothills	山麓	• spend a bundle	～にお金をたくさん使う

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Read the passage and circle the new words as you find them

Last month I was driving a rent-a-car every day because my car had been stolen, and I didn't have it insured so I need to buy a new one. I really love cars. I was working as an auto mechanic for years before my back gave out and I couldn't physically do it anymore. I still have some pain from time to time, but it's nothing like it was. Last week, my back was constantly cramping up. But this week, it's OK.

When I was car shopping, I visited a number of dealerships for various brands. First, I went to the local dealership just down the road from my house. I wasn't really impressed through, because while I was talking to the salesman, he stopped to answer his phone. I didn't think that was very professional. Also, while I was taking the car for a test drive I'm pretty sure he was playing a game on his phone instead of listening to me.

In the end, I made my decision based on what suited my needs best, as well as my desire for raw performance. I truly love driving. I was driving up in the foothills just last week and I got to put the all-wheel drive to the test. Its handling performance is magnificent; it feels like it's on rails like a train, glued to the pavement! I changed both the hood and trunk lid to the carbon fiber aftermarket version as they save some weight, but mainly because they give the car a nice custom look.

Last weekend I decided to give my car a much needed wash and wax. So Saturday, I was washing and waxing my car all afternoon long. I just recently got it and I want to be sure that it stays in showroom condition. I paid extra for the premium rims, chrome exhaust, race pedals, sunroof and spoiler.

I was considering having an alarm installed as there is a fair amount of vandalism in my city, but I'm still not sure if it's really that necessary. The car's factory security system is really good, and it has a push button start which requires a unique key fob. Any tampering with the system or attempt to jump start the car results in the ECM completely shutting down the engine making it impossible to start. Thought I realize this doesn't protect me against individuals who might key my car. Well, for now I'll just stick with the factory system and decide what to do later. I've spent a bundle right away on extras for the car so I'll hold off for now.

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Answer the questions below

1. What was he driving every day last month?
2. Was he working as a mechanic for a long time?
3. What was constantly cramping up last week?
4. When he was car shopping, did he visit a number of dealerships?
5. What did the salesman do while he was talking to him?
6. Where was he driving the car last week?
7. What was he considering having installed?
8. How many examples of past progressive can you find?

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