

Lesson 94

Let's hit the road.

Target: Having a conversation about road trips.

Vocabulary

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Road trips



Related vocabulary

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| - to go on a car trip | - roof racks | - to drive in shifts |
| - to fall asleep at the wheel | - to break down | - to... in no time |
| - to pull into a gas station | - to hit the road | - to refuel... |
| - to drive across the country | - to plan... in advance | - to be low on gas |
| - to cover a lot of ground | - to get some shut eye | - kilometers per liter / miles per gallon |
| - to sing along with a song | - a tow bar / to tow... | - a rest stop |
| - a hitchhiker / to hitchhike | - to get car sick | - to syphon... |

Conversation

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1 Use the questions below to have a conversation with your partner about the topic

Partner #1: Questions

- When was the last time you went on a road trip? Where did you go? How was it?
- Do you think it's best to plan everything in advance or just wing it? Why?
- Do you enjoy singing along with songs while you're in the car?
- What roads / areas do you know like the back of your hand?
- How many kilometers does your car get to the liter?
- What's the best way to cover a lot of ground in one day?
- Have you ever been on a road trip with someone who wouldn't stop complaining?
- Does your car have a tow bar? Have you ever towed anything?
- What should you do when you are low on gas?
- Have you ever had to syphon gas out of someone else's car?

Partner #2: Questions

- Do you prefer travelling long distances by car, train, or plane? Why?
- Have you ever hitchhiked, or picked up a hitchhiker?
- What should you do if your car breaks down while you are on a road trip?
- What games do you play with people in the car? e.g. eye spy / 20 questions
- Do you ever doze off when you are in the back seat? How long does it take you to go to sleep?
- What do you usually put on your roof racks?
- Do you usually drive in shifts when you are driving for a long time?
- Have you ever fallen asleep at the wheel?
- What's the best rest stop you have ever stopped at?
- Do you get car sick?

2 Complete one or more of the situations below

- Role play:** Partner #1: You are planning a road trip across Japan.
Partner #2: Discuss what you want to do and where you want to go.
- Speech:** Describe how driving in Japan relates to driving overseas.
- Speech:** Tell a story about a truly terrible road trip where multiple things went wrong.
- Debate:** You think public transport is better for distances over 400km, but your partner doesn't agree.