

Lesson 99

She can do a three-point turn.

Target: Having a conversation about driving a car.

Vocabulary

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Driving a car



Related vocabulary

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| - to start a car | - to accelerate | - to corner |
| - to slow down | - to brake | - to back up |
| - to speed up | - to swerve | - to indicate / to put on one's indicators |
| - to do a 3 point turn | - to speed | - to step on the gas / to floor it |
| - to do a U turn | - to do doughnuts | - to shift gears / to shift up / down |
| - to do a hill start | - to drive recklessly | - the clutch / the break / the accelerator |
| - to parallel park | - to merge lanes | - to be in neutral / first / second etc. |

Conversation

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

Partner #1: Questions

1. When is it appropriate to speed up / slow down?
2. What gear should your car be in when you start it?
3. What different internal / external parts of a car do you know? e.g. tires, fenders, dashboard, headlights
4. Should you speed up when approaching a crossing / school zone?
5. What should you have your foot on when you start the car?
6. When do you need to put on your indicators?
7. Have you ever floored it down the highway?
8. Do you ever drive recklessly?
9. Do you think people change character when they are behind the wheel?
10. Do you think men are better drivers than women?

Partner #2: Questions

1. Can you parallel park?
2. Where is it illegal to do a U turn?
3. What's your stance on car pooling?
4. Should you pass someone in the right or left-hand lane?
5. Are you good at doing three-point turns?
6. Have you ever seen someone doing doughnuts?
7. Do you get nervous when you merge lanes?
8. How often do you check your fuel gauge, speedometer and tachometer?
9. When is the best time to shift up and down when going through a corner?
10. Do you think there should be more or less driving rules?

2 Complete one or more of the situations below

- 1. Role play:** Partner #1: You are a Driver Education teacher. Teach your students how to drive.
Partner #2: You are a student. This is your first time driving. You are very nervous.
- 2. Speech:** Describe what a typical week of driving is like for you in Japan.
- 3. Discussion:** The town of Poynton, in the UK has 14,000 people and no traffic signs. Is this a good idea?
- 4. Debate:** You think driving automatic is better, but your partner prefers to drive stick.