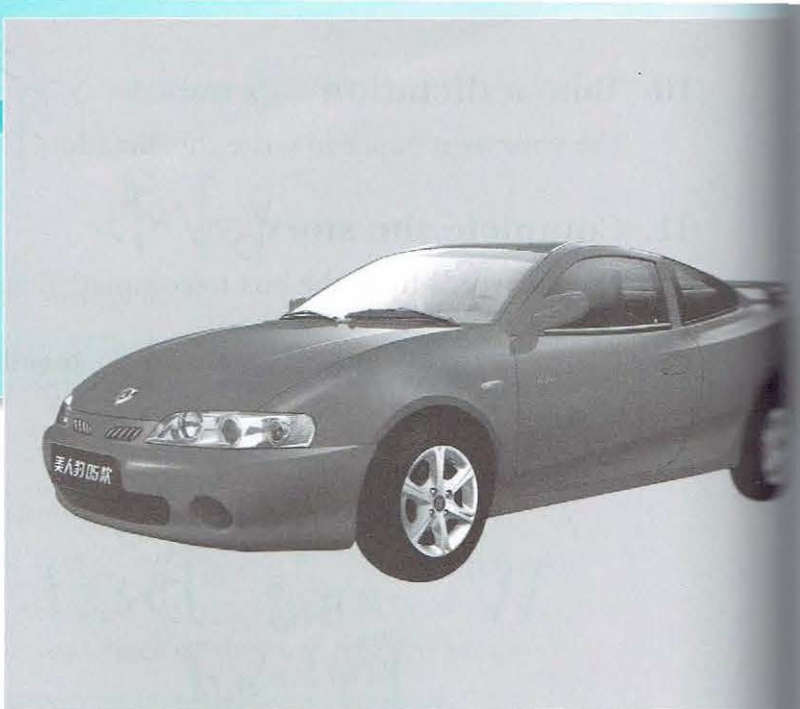


Car-aoke



1. Read the story

Look at the pictures on these pages.
What is the story about? Now read it.

NINGBO, CHINA ¹Is there a lot of **traffic** in your town? Are the roads **busy**? Do you feel **bored** or angry **while** you sit in a long **line** of cars? ²Then a **great**, new car from China can help! It is called the Geely Beauty Leopard*. ³The car comes with a karaoke **machine**. You and your **passengers** can sing your favorite **pop songs** while you wait in traffic or take a trip. You **will** feel much better!

⁴The car has a GPS system** too, so you will never get lost. ⁵The car **costs** about \$18,000. ⁶Be careful when you sing and drive at the same time. It can be **dangerous**. Watch the road and do not have an accident!

* Geely Beauty Leopard: the name of the car

**GPS system: a computerized map

NEW WORDS

traffic *n*
busy *adj*

bored *adj*
while *conj*

line *n*
great *adj*

machine *n*
passenger *n*

pop song *n*
will *v*

cost *v*
dangerous *adj*

>> See Glossary on page 89. >>

2. Rate the story

How much did you like it? Mark an X.

Not at All

A Lot

1

2

3

4

5

3. Check your comprehension

Match the first and second parts of the sentences. The first one is done for you.

- | | |
|--|--------------------------|
| a. The Geely Beauty Leopard has <u>3</u> | 1. you won't get lost. |
| b. The car comes _____ | 2. pop songs. |
| c. Passengers can sing _____ | 3. a karaoke machine. |
| d. With the GPS system, _____ | 4. thousands of dollars. |
| e. The car costs _____ | 5. from China. |

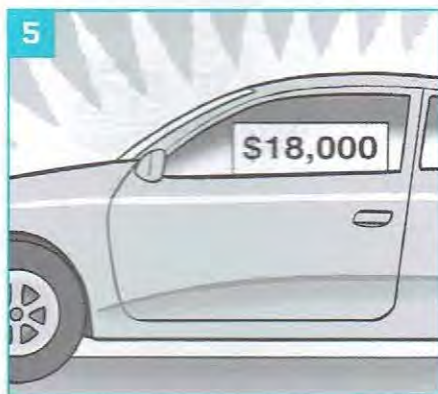
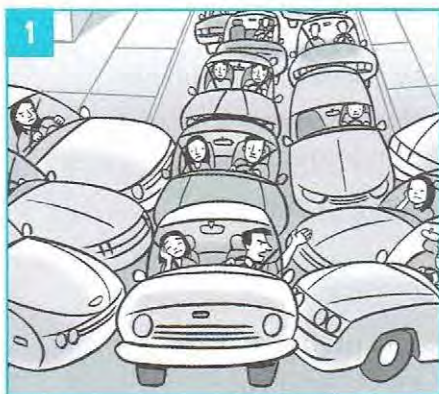
4. Check your vocabulary

Complete the sentences with the New Words.

- Are the roads in your town bu__? Are you bo___ in traffic?
- A gr___ new car from China has a karaoke mac_____.
- You and your pas_____rs can sing p__ s__gs.
- The car c___s about \$18,000, and it can be dan_____ when you sing and drive at the same time.

5. Listen to the story track 6

Now listen to the story two or three times. Look at the pictures below as you listen.



6. Retell the story

Cover the story and look at the pictures above. Retell the story using the New Words.

7. Answer the questions

About the story...

- What does the new car from China have?
- How much does it cost? Do you think it is expensive?
- When can it be dangerous?
- Would you like to have this car? Why or why not?

About you...

- What kind of car would you like?
- How often do you sing karaoke? Where do you go?
- What are your favorite pop songs?
- When do you feel bored?

8. Learn word partnerships

Study the partnerships below. Complete the sentences so they are true for you.

COST			
cost	about more than only	(\$000.00)	The car costs about \$18,000. <i>A bicycle costs more than \$100.</i> <i>Bus tickets cost only \$2.00.</i>
cost	a lot / too much a fortune		<i>My CDs cost a lot.</i> <i>The trip will cost a fortune!</i>

- A new computer _____ about _____.
- A _____ costs _____ in my country.
- _____ cost only _____, so I often buy them.

9. Learn word groups

Complete the sentences so they are true for you. Use words from the pictures.

TRAFFIC



a car



a scooter



a motorcycle



a van



a bus

- I'd like to drive _____.
- I rode in/on _____ last week.
- I don't often see _____ on the streets of my town.

10. Take a dictation track 7

Use your own paper to write the dictation. Check your answers on page 86.

11. Complete the story

Use the words from the box to complete the story.

vans will line bored while machine traffic

A Car with Feelings

JAPAN In 2004, four workers at Toyota in Japan met and talked about new cars. "Let's make a car with feelings*," they said.

The car (1) _____ soon be on the road.

The car with feelings will talk to cars and (2) _____ in traffic. The two lights** on the front of the (3) _____ are its eyes.

When you are on the road and a driver is not nice to you, the car's eyes will go red and angry. When you want to say "thank you," you can make the car's eyes smile a happy yellow. (4) _____

you are sitting in a long (5) _____ of

(6) _____, your car can cry. How? Little white lights come on under its eyes.

The horn*** makes different noises for different feelings, too. Drivers can hear when you are happy, sorry, angry, friendly, or (7) _____.



* feelings: something that you feel, like when you are happy

** lights: things that help people see in the dark

*** horn: something in a car that makes a loud noise (to warn)



Talk about the stories

How are the cars in the two stories similar? How are they different? Which car do you like better?