

Integrated Skills: Reading, Speaking and Writing

Title: _____

Date: _____

Student's name: _____



Arranging Car Repairs

Liam: Hey Chloe, you look stressed. What's up?

Chloe: Hi Liam. My car broke down again last week, right on the way to work.

Liam: Oh no, what happened this time?

Chloe: The engine made a grinding noise, then stopped. I had to get it towed.

Liam: That sounds awful. Did mechanics look at it?

Chloe: Yes, they called this morning. I need a new timing belt, a big job. Also, the brakes are worn, so I'll get those done for safety.

Liam: Ouch, that sounds expensive. Did you get an estimate?

Chloe: I did, and it's substantial. I'm also having the tires rotated while it's there to save another trip.

Liam: Smart move. I just had my oil changed and a check-up. Regular maintenance is key.

Chloe: Definitely. I wish I'd been more proactive. Now I'm without a car for days, a huge inconvenience. My brother has to drive me to work.

Liam: At least you have a backup. Last year, I had my windshield replaced after a stone hit it. Unexpected expenses are the worst.

Chloe: I hate those sudden expenses! Was it done quickly?

Liam: Yes, same day. My insurance arranged the repair directly.

Chloe: Good to hear. I hope mine's ready by Friday; I need it for weekend plans.

Liam: Fingers crossed. Car repairs are always a hassle, especially unexpected ones.

Chloe: Tell me about it. But at least I'll have a reliable, safe car again.

Vocabulary Practice

Complete each sentence with a word from the word bank.

Word bank: Frustrated | Towed | Diagnosis | Timing belt | Substantial | Proactive

1. Choose the word from the word bank that means "feeling annoyed or upset because you cannot do something": _____.
2. I had to get it _____.

3. Choose the word from the word bank that means "the identification of the nature of an illness or other problem": _____.
4. I need a new _____, a big job.
5. Chloe: I did, and it's _____.
6. I wish I'd been more _____.