

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. He felt very _____ when he couldn't figure out how to fix the broken part of his car.
2. My old car broke down on the highway and had to be _____ to the nearest garage.

3. After checking the engine, the mechanic gave a _____ that the car needed a new fuel pump.
4. It's important to replace the car's _____ at the recommended mileage to avoid serious engine problems.
5. The cost of the car repairs was quite _____ because many parts needed to be replaced.
6. Being _____ with car maintenance, like regular oil changes, can prevent bigger problems later.

Comprehension / Text Discussion"

Answer the questions using information from the text (as per teacher instruction, this activity can be either completed in writing or performed orally).

1. What happened to Chloe's car last week?

2. What two main repairs does Chloe's car need?

3. Besides the repairs, what other service is Chloe getting for her car?

4. How is Chloe getting to work while her car is being repaired?

5. What unexpected car problem did Liam have last year?

Writing Activity

Write a conversation or a paragraph about a car problem, repair, or maintenance experience. Use the useful sentences to help you.

Useful sentences:

1. My car broke down again last week.
2. What happened this time?
3. I had to get it towed.
4. I need a new [part], it's a big job.
5. Did you get an estimate?
6. Unexpected expenses are the worst.

