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Lesson 56:

# My modern car

Conversation Lesson with a Story,  
Vocabulary Practice,  
Questions and Activities

# Content

- The Story
  - Vocabulary Practice
  - Questions for Discussion
  - Activities
  - A Related Proverb
- Role Play
  - Ideas to Help You
  - Useful vocabulary/phrases

# The Story

After lunch my friend and I paid the bill and made our way to my car. I took out my remote-control gadget and pressed the button which automatically unlocks the doors.

Not having noticed what I did, my friend looked puzzled and asked: 'What was that clicking sound?'

'It was just the doors unlocking,' I answered.

He looked at me with astonishment and said: 'The car recognizes you?!'

Source: [The Internet TESL Journal](#)



# Vocabulary Practice

**Choose the best answer.**

- 1) **'Bill'** here means a ...
- a) part of a bird's mouth
  - b) printed notice on a wall or fence
  - c) list of things bought and their price
  - d) piece of paper money

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# Vocabulary Practice

**Choose the best answer.**

2) **'Remote-control'** here means ...

- a) not connected/relevant
- b) operated from a short distance away
- c) unfriendly
- d) unlikely

# Vocabulary Practice

**Choose the best answer.**

- 3) A '**gadget**' is a ...
- a) kind of car
  - b) small machine
  - c) long key
  - d) piece of cloth

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# Vocabulary Practice

**Choose the best answer.**

4) **'Puzzled'** means ...

- a) very happy
- b) in an angry manner
- c) unable to understand
- d) not suitable

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# Vocabulary Practice

**Choose the best answer.**

5) To **'click'** means to ...

- a) try to understand sth
- b) make a short, sharp sound
- c) drop sth heavy
- d) walk towards sth

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# Vocabulary Practice

**Choose the best answer.**

6) **'Astonishment'** means ...

- a) happiness
- b) friendly smile
- c) great surprise
- d) indifference

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# Questions for Discussion

- 1) What is funny about this story?
- 2) How do you like this kind of technology?  
Discuss.
- 3) How does a remote-control work?
- 4) Which is your favourite technical gadget? Why?
- 5) Have you ever been astonished by a technical wonder? Why/why not?

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# Activities

- Now tell your friend(s) the story in your own words.
- Pronounce the following words several times:
  - a) remote-control
  - b) gadget
  - c) automatically
  - d) puzzled
  - e) click
  - f) astonishment
  - g) recognize

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# A Saying

**‘Happiness is not having what you want,  
but wanting what you have.’**

- What does the saying mean? Explain.
- Is there a saying in your mother tongue which bears the same meaning?

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# Role Play

Imagine the following situation:

You and your English speaking friend have **a common friend who likes reading magazines.** It's his/her birthday soon and you would like to **give him/her a subscription to a magazine as a present.** First, you should **agree on a magazine** and then **talk about the details of ordering it.** Person B will play the role of **your English speaking friend** and **will start** the conversation.



## Role Play:

# Ideas to Help You

The following ideas may help you:

- *Friend's interests*
- *Price*
- *How to order?*
- *For how long?*
- *How to give it to him/her?*
- *Other*

Magazines to choose from:

- a) Healthy Lifestyle
- b) Cars and Motorcycles
- c) Animal World
- d) Other?