

Supplementary Material  
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UNIT 2

Activity 1

## Cars and Driving



- ⇒ What are some reasons people rent cars?
- ⇒ Have you ever rented a car?
- ⇒ Which company did you rent it from?
- ⇒ Was it expensive to rent it?
- ⇒ Did / Do you take car insurance when renting a car?
- ⇒ Have you ever had an accident in a rented car?

Activity 3

## I have a reservation

**A**

You are at the agency to pick up your car.

Useful Language

Good morning. (your name) I have a reservation.

That's correct.

Here you go.

I'll return the car at..., is that OK?



**B**

You are a clerk at the car rental agency. A came to pick up his / her car. Make sure that all your information is correct.

Useful language:

We were expecting you  
A / an ... (model of car)

I'll need your credit card and driver's license.

I have you returning the car on....

Will that be ....?



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**Activity 5**

*How dangerous is it?*

Rank the following causes of accidents in order of importance. Share your ideas with your group.

**speeding**



**tailgating**



**not paying attention**

**talking on the cell phone**

**Activity 6**

*What do you call them?*



windshield   hood   headlight   bumper  
 door   taillight   tire   window

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**Activity 8**

# How did it happen?

**Grammar: The Past continuous**

Read the following conversation. Circle the verbs in the Simple Past and underline the ones in the Past Continuous.

A woman had an accident yesterday. Here's what she told a friend.

A: I had an accident when I was going back home from work yesterday!

B: Oh, no! What happened?

A: Well, this careless driver was talking on the phone and he hit my car.

B: That's too bad! Are you OK?

A: Yes, fortunately nobody was hurt.

**Figure it out:**

- 1- We form the Past Continuous with \_\_\_\_\_ and the (Present Participle / Past Participle) of the main verb.
- 2- (The Simple Past / The Past continuous) shows an action that continued during a period of time in the past.
- 3- (The Simple Past / The Past continuous) shows an action that started and ended in the past.



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**Activity 9**

**What were you doing ...**

	<i>You</i>	<i>Your partner</i>
<i>...at this time yesterday?</i>		
<i>...exactly 3 days ago?</i>		
<i>... 6 months ago?</i>		
<i>...one year ago?</i>		
<i>...five years ago?</i>		
<i>...ten years ago?</i>		
<i>...15 years ago?</i>		



**Activity 10**

**I had an accident**

**A** had an accident while driving. He / she is telling **B** about it. Role play their conversation.

**A:** You were driving and you had an accident. You are shocked and you are telling your friend **B** about it. Tell him / her all the details of the situation. (You can look at page 40 in your book to name the different car parts)

Useful Language

I had an accident  
 I was ... -ing when ....  
 He was ... -ing and I ....  
 They were ... -ing, and I ... (didn't...)

I tried to ...  
 I couldn't ...  
 I'll have to replace ....  
 Next time I will / won't ...



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**B:** Your friend A had an accident and is very impressed. Ask him/her about the details so that he/she will feel better.

Useful language

How did it happen?  
Was there much damage?  
What were you ... -ing when ...?  
Were they ...? / Was he / she ...?

Were you ...?  
Oh, no!  
Thank goodness!  
I'm so sorry.



**Activity 11**

*Let's write*

You are a journalist. Write an article about a car accident to be published in a newspaper's afternoon edition. Include the causes of the accident and the damages to the car / cars.

Useful language:






...was driving / going / not paying attention.  
...was ...-ing, when ....  
taillight  
windshield  
talking on the phone  
speeding  
tailgating  
The..is / are broken  
The trunk / door won't open



**Activity 12**

**TRUE OR FALSE?**

Are these sentences true?

-  You can **turn on** a radio.
-  You can't **turn off** a TV.
-  You **fill up** your kids.
-  You **pick up** the laundry at the drycleaner's.
-  You **drop off** your kids at school.



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**Activity 13**

**Review Units 1 and 2**

It's Monday morning. Mrs. Robbins is checking in at the Broadway Inn.

- Mrs. Robbins: Hi, I (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (check in) I have a reservation under Robbins.
- Clerk: Let's see. Yes, one double (2) **for / by** five nights. How do you want to (3) \_\_\_\_\_?
- Mrs. Robbins: Here's my card. By the way, (4) \_\_\_\_\_ the fitness center \_\_\_\_\_ open?
- Clerk: Yes, but (5) \_\_\_\_\_ better hurry. It (6) \_\_\_\_\_ (close) at 9.00.
- Mrs. Robbins: Thank you. By the way, could someone turn down (7) \_\_\_\_\_ and pick up my (8) \_\_\_\_\_, please?
- Clerk: Yes, sir. I will send someone up for you. Will you want us to (9) \_\_\_\_\_ the newspaper with your breakfast?
- Mrs. Robbins: No, thank you. And one more thing... I need to rent a car... could you help me with that?



Mrs. Robbins gets a phone call.

- Caller: Hello? (10) \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. Robbins? She's a guest.
- Telephone operator: I (11) \_\_\_\_\_ (ring) her room (12) **to / for** you.
- (A few seconds later) I'm sorry, she's not answering. (13) \_\_\_\_\_ a message?
- Caller: Yes. Please tell her Richard (14) \_\_\_\_\_ (call). I (15) \_\_\_\_\_ call her back tomorrow at 6.00.
- Telephone operator: Is that all?
- Caller: Yes, thanks.

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Now unscramble the words to write an appropriate sentence for each situation.

Dialog 1: On the phone

Car rental agency: Your car is here, madam.

Mrs. Robbins: Thanks. **(16)** (it / ten minutes / I'll / up / in / pick)  
\_\_\_\_\_

Car rental agency: Ok. And you are going to **(17)** (off / it / drop)  
\_\_\_\_\_ on Sunday, is that right?

Mrs. Robbins: Certainly.

Dialog 2: At the service station



Attendant: Can I help you, ma'am?

Mrs. Robbins: **(18)** (up / fill / it), please.  
\_\_\_\_\_

It's Saturday afternoon. Mrs. Robbins is calling the car agency.

Car agency clerk: Best rentals, how can I help you?

Mrs. Robbins: Hello. I **(19)** \_\_\_\_\_ **(have)** an accident with the car I rented last Monday.

Car agency clerk: Oh, I'm sorry to hear that. How **(20)** \_\_\_\_\_ **(happen)?**

Mrs. Robbins: Well, this other driver **(21)** \_\_\_\_\_ **(talk)** on his cell phone and he **(22)** \_\_\_\_\_ **(crash)** into my trunk.

Car agency clerk: Don't worry, the insurance **(23)** \_\_\_\_\_ **(cover)** everything.

Mrs. Robbins: When **(24)** \_\_\_\_\_ **(drop off)** the car?

Car agency clerk: Tomorrow afternoon, at the agency.

Mrs. Robbins: All right, then, see you tomorrow.