

English Reading and Writing - Buying A Used Car

Jasmine has just passed her driving test and has been saving up so she can buy herself a car. She cannot get a new car as she does not have enough money and does not think that she will be able to get finance or a loan. There are steps she can take to help avoid buying a car that has been badly damaged, stolen or illegally altered. Doing the proper checks can help to save distress and money down the line.



Make sure a trader is trustworthy, look for an established firm with a good reputation. Don't buy from an auction as you will not have the legal protection to return the car or ask for a refund and it is harder to check the cars history. Check the car's details with the DVLA online vehicle information checker, you will need registration number, MOT test number, milage, make and model. *you should report the seller to the police if the V5C registration certificate doesn't match the car on the DVLA records* Check the MOT history online. Inspect the car using the AA checklist and take it for a test drive, you have to be insured to do a test drive. You could also have the car checked by an independent group like the AA or RAC or someone you know who knows a lot about cars, although this last way isnt always the best unless they are a mechanic.



These need to be put into alphabetical order.

Reeds Cars	
Parrs Autos	
Yins Garage	
Adams Motors	
Daly Drive Away	
Greens Autos	
Joli Cars	
Lui Motors	
Carn Cars	
Rosh Motors	
Prior Premier Cars	
Langs Garage	

Task 1

1. Write a bullet pointed list of the checks Jasmine should make when buying her car. You should give the reasons for the checks to help her.
2. What should she do if the car does not match the V5C registration form? Why do you think she should do this?
3. Why should she not buy a car from an auction?
4. Who could Jasmine ask to check the car, which check do you think has the most risks and why?



Task 3 Put each one under the correct heading in the table.

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Autos
Cars
Garages
Motors
Other

Task 4 Look at this advert for a used car and answer the questions

VOLKSWAGEN, TIGUAN
£5800