

URBAN LEGENDS: "The Killer in the Back Seat"



BEFORE WATCHING (ORAL)

- > What's an urban legend? What's the difference between urban legends and folklore stories?
- > Do you know any stories about ghosts, haunted houses, strange creatures?

 Watch the video and do the activities: https://youtu.be/YUV0_JOPZDk

WHILE WATCHING

A. Watch the segment and say if the following statements are *true* or *false*.

1. The woman driving the van is a cautious person.
2. The employee stammered because he was angry.
3. The woman went into the office carrying a gun.
4. The credit card company employee didn't want to talk to the woman.
5. In the end the driver regretted not having paid attention to the employee at the gas station.

B. Watch the first scenes from a film and fill in the gaps using the words from the box.

FILL UP	-	LOW FUEL	-	BACK SEAT	-	AXE	-
CREDIT CARD COMPANY	-	CUT	-	FREAK	-		
TEAR GAS	-	SOMEONE	-	RAN OUT OF	-		

The gas tank indicated.....because the vanof gas.

The girl asked the gas station employee to.....the tank.

She thought the man was a

".....wants to speak to you", the employee said.

She put ain her pocket.

'There'sin the', the employee shouted.

The stranger in the back seat..... her head with an.....

AFTER WATCHING (ORAL)

A. Speaking. Use the questions below to retell the story

- a. Who was driving the van?
- b. What was the weather like?
- c. What was the problem with the van?
- d. Where did the driver go?
- e. What was the problem with the employee?
- f. What did she think about the employee?
- g. Why did the driver go to the office?
- h. What did she put in her pocket?
- i. What happened in the office?
- j. What did the employee say when the driver left?
- k. What happened to the driver?

B. Each urban legend has a cultural admonition (a warning), what is the cultural admonition in the story of 'A killer in the back seat'?

e.g. *Urban legend*: There is a fake nurse who steals newly born babies in hospitals.

Cultural admonition: Have an eye on your baby at all times or you may lose it forever.

C. Think about 3 urban legends you have heard of where you live. Then think about the cultural admonition behind the story.