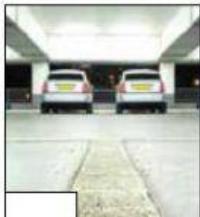


# RENTING A CAR

## 1. Match the words with the correct picture.

Useful words



KEYS – BOOT – DRIVER'S LICENSE – PARKING BAY – IGNITION – CAR PARK –  
BODY WORK – CREDIT CARD – NUMBER PLATE / REGISTRATION PLATE

## 2. Choose the correct definition for each word/expression.

- a. to rent/hire **vb** - \_\_\_\_\_
- b. insurance **n** - \_\_\_\_\_
- c. a dent **n** - \_\_\_\_\_
- d. a scratch **n** - \_\_\_\_\_
- e. a tank **n** - \_\_\_\_\_
- f. to write a car off **exp** - \_\_\_\_\_
- g. to total a car **exp US** - \_\_\_\_\_
- h. a write-off **n** - \_\_\_\_\_
- i. a bay **n** - \_\_\_\_\_
- j. a parking space **n** - \_\_\_\_\_
- k. unlimited mileage **n** - \_\_\_\_\_
- l. to swipe **vb** - \_\_\_\_\_
- m. the excess **n** - \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT YOU HEAR...	WHAT YOU SAY...
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• I'd like to rent a car, please.</li> <li>• How much is it per hour / day / kilometre?</li> <li>• How much is the insurance?</li> <li>• Do you need to see my driver's licence?</li> <li>• Can I leave the car in another city?</li> <li>• Is it petrol or diesel? Does it take petrol or diesel?</li> <li>• There appears to be a dent in the bodywork.</li> <li>• There's a scratch at the back.</li> <li>• Where is the car?</li> <li>• What's the car registration number?</li> <li>• Where do I have to leave it when I've finished?</li> <li>• What do I do with the keys?</li> <li>• Is it manual ("stickshift" US) or automatic?</li> <li>• Sorry, but I put diesel in the petrol tank.</li> <li>• I'm sorry but I crashed the car.</li> <li>• I'm sorry but I've written the car off. I've totalled the car (US)</li> <li>• The car is a write off. Can you give me another one?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It comes with a full tank of petrol.</li> <li>• Please return it with a full tank.</li> <li>• The keys are here.</li> <li>• The car is parked in the car park, in bay 24, parking space B23.</li> <li>• Just phone this number if you have any difficulties.</li> <li>• The registration number is PY2 4TZ.</li> <li>• Just fill out this form, please.</li> <li>• May I see your driving licence, please?</li> <li>• I'll just take down your details.</li> <li>• It's got unlimited mileage.</li> <li>• I need to swipe your credit card.</li> <li>• You will be liable for the excess, which is 200 pounds.</li> </ul>



## Types of car



Saloon (car)  
("sedan" in US English)



Estate (car)  
("station wagon" in US English)



Minivan /  
people carrier



Convertible



Coupé



Van



SUV (sports utility vehicle) / 4X4



Pick-up truck



Truck/lorry

### 3. Listen and complete the dialogue.

#### DIALOGUE: RENTING A CAR

**Sales:** Good morning. How may I help you?

**Sally:** Good morning. I'd like to rent a car for the (1)\_\_\_\_\_.

**Sales:** OK. Any car in mind?

**Sally:** Just an ordinary four-(2)\_\_\_\_\_ car.

**Sales:** We've got a Peugeot 206 if you like.

**Sally:** Yes, that would be fine. How much is it (3)\_\_\_\_\_ day?

**Sales:** It's 80 pounds per day with unlimited (4)\_\_\_\_\_, and that includes insurance.

**Sally:** That sounds all right.

**Sales:** And the (5)\_\_\_\_\_ is 200 pounds.

**Sally:** What does that mean?

**Sales:** Well, if you have an (6) \_\_\_\_\_, you have to pay the first 200 pounds.

**Sally:** OK. I'm not really planning on having an accident.

**Sales:** Very wise. So, just fill in this (7) \_\_\_\_\_, please. And I need to see your driving licence, and I'll have to swipe your credit card.

**Sally:** OK. Here you are.

**Sales:** Very good. Here are the keys. The car is in bay 62, in parking (8) \_\_\_\_\_ 91. It's a blue Peugeot 206 station wagon.

**Sally:** Great.

**Sales:** Drive safely.

**Sally:** Thanks. Bye.

**Sales:** Bye.