

RENTING A CAR

Introduction:

Welcome to twominenglish.com. Teaching you English through two-minute lessons. In this lesson we will listen to some people renting a car.

1. Put the right verb in the text:

drive need lose possess hire rent

When you go out of town to a new city, you often _____ to rent a car to travel around town. If you can _____ and _____ a valid driving license, it's always better to _____ a car than to _____ expensive taxis. Specially now when you can never _____ the way thanks to GPS.

Vocabulary:

2. Read the definitions below and match them with the right word:

licence cheapest rate discount renting price break compact
travelling drive size credit card

_____ : to pay someone for the use of something for sometime, typically property, land or car.

_____ : the measure of something, how big something is.

_____ : something that is closely or neatly packed together.

_____ : an item for sale that is low in price, worth more than its cost.

_____ : to make a journey, typically of some length or abroad.

_____ : to assign a standard or value to something according to a particular scale.

_____ : a temporary reduction in the price of a product, if an order exceeds a specified quantity.

_____ : a deduction from the usual cost of something, typically given on advance payments or a special category of buyers.

_____ : to get a permit from an authority to own or use something, to do a particular thing or carry out a particular activity.

_____ : a plastic card issued by a bank, business, etc for the purchase of goods or services on credit.

_____ : means to operate or control the direction and speed of a motor vehicle.

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trip
wedding

mileage
schedule

return
delay

rentals
sign

seat
gratuity

airport
extra charge

_____ : a marriage ceremony.

_____ : the additional money charged for an extra service, not included in the usual price.

_____ : a complex of runways and buildings for the take off, landing and maintenance of civic aircraft, with facilities for passengers.

_____ : a journey or excursion, especially for pleasure.

_____ : the travelling expenses paid according to the number of miles travelled.

_____ : an act of coming or going back to something.

_____ : a plan for carrying out a process or procedure, giving lists of intended events and times.

_____ : to write one's name on a letter or a card to identify oneself or the receiver.

_____ : the amount received or paid as rent.

_____ : a period of time by which something or someone is late or postponed.

_____ : the money given in return for a service or favor in particular.

_____ : a thing made or used for sitting on, such as a car or a stool.

Video:

3. Watch the video (4 mn) : repeat the key phrases out loud (3'13 until the end):



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Phrases:

4. Do you remember the key phrases? Write the words used in the video:

Hello there. I need to a car.

What do you have?

What are your daily?

Can I return the car there, or are there extra?

What about the?

I'll it at noon today, and I prefer a white limousine.

I'd like to rent a limo to me to the Hotel Shangri-La.

I'll the Luxury Sedan. What are your rates?

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5. Phone your partner and read the dialogues together. Switch roles.

Mike: Hello there. I need to rent a car.

Hans: Hi! What size are you thinking?

Mike: Well, err...this is my first rental. What sizes do you have?

Hans: We have compact, medium, and full size, the compact being the cheapest.

Mike: I'm traveling with my wife and little daughter, so a compact will be fine.

What are your daily rates?

Hans: For the compact, it's \$29,90 per day, but if you're renting it for more than seven days, you get a price break.

Mike: Not bad! I'm going to rent it for 10 days.

Hans: In that case, you'll be paying \$19,90 per day.

Mike: Wow! That's a great discount! I'll take the compact, then.

Hans: Good choice. May I see your driver's license and a credit card, please?

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Hans: Ok, Mr. Patterson, let's see...will your wife also drive the car?

Mike: Yes. Since we're going to Boston for my brother's wedding, we'll take turns driving. By the way, can I return the car there, or are there extra charges?

Hans: There are no extra charges for that. Where will you return the car in Boston?

Mike: At the Boston airport.

Hans: Very good, Mr. Patterson. You're all set. Have a safe trip.

Mike: Oh! What about the mileage?

Hans: There is no extra charge for miles, but you must return the car with a full tank of gas, or else they'll charge you for that.

Mike: Fair enough. Thanks for your help.

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Renting by Phone:

Suzie: Hello, is it Time Travels?

Beth: Yes. This is Beth, how can I help you?

Suzie: I would like to rent a car to take me to the Hotel Shangri-La from Las Vegas airport.

Beth: Sure. May I know your name and your schedule please?

Suzie: It's Suzie Thatcher. I'll need it at 12 noon today, and I prefer a white limousine.

Beth: That's not a problem, Ms. Thatcher. The driver will be holding a sign with your name on it.

Suzie: Very good. How much is the rental?

Beth: Our rates are \$45,00 an hour.

Suzie: Okay, that's fine.

Beth: In case of delays, or any problem, please call us at this number, Ms. Thatcher.

Suzie: All right. Thanks for your help.

Renting a Car at the Airport:

Suzie: Hello. I'd like to rent a limo to take me to the Hotel Shangri-La.

Carson: We have the Luxury Sedan, for 1-4 passengers, and the Stretch Limousine, which fits 1-8 passengers.

Suzie: Ok. I'll go with the Luxury Sedan. What are your rates?

Carson: Well, they're based on a three-hour rental. The luxury Sedan goes for \$55,00 per hour, plus gratuity.

Suzie: I just need it to drop me off at the Shangri-La, at Echelon Place.

Carson: That won't be a problem.

Suzie: Will it take long?

Carson: It will just take a moment for the driver to bring the car around. You can have a seat, if you like.

Suzie: Thank you.

6. Invent a new role play with your partner (renting by phone). Takes notes of the customer's request when you play the role of the employee at the car rental agency. Write the details below: