FINDING A FAULT IN A CAR

This page includes interactive exercises to help you improve your reading and listening skills

EXERCISE 1

Match 1- 8 with a-h.

1. The coolant leaks.
2. The engine doesn't start.
3. The battery needs recharging.
4. The tires need balancing.
5. The spark plugs are shot.
6. The brake pads need replacing.
7. The carburetor needs adjusting.
8. The engine runs noisily.

a. Нужно зарядить аккумулятор.
b. Необходима балансировка колес.
c. Протекает охлаждающая жидкость .
d. Двигатель работает с шумами.
e. Нужно отрегулировать карбюратор.
f. . Нужно поменять тормозные колодки.
g. Двигатель не запускается.
h. Свечи зажигания не работают.

EXERCISE 2

Read the dialogues. Fill in the blanks.

I.

Nick: Peter, I know you are a good driver. Why don't you have a look at my car?
Peter: What's _____ with it?
N.: I don't know.
P.: Let me have a look. When did you have your plugs checked?
N.: Three days ago. I thought I had run out of fuel but the tank is half-full.
P.: The carburetor is in order but the engine is misfiring. I guess the battery has run down. It needs recharging.
N.: Too bad.
P.: Don't get upset about it. It won't take you long to have your _____ recharged.
N.: Do you really think so?
P.: I am sure of it. I advise you to have the engine greased.
N.: I'll follow your _____. Thank you, Peter.
P.: Don't mention it, Nick. I'm very sorry I couldn't help you.
N.: Well, you helped me to find the _____. Thanks a lot. Good-bye.
P.: See you later.

II.

Client: Good afternoon! Can you help me? There is something wrong with the engine.
Master: Hi! What is wrong with it?
C.: I don't know. The engine doesn't start. Maybe the pistons and valves are out of order.
M.: Let's have a look! Well, they are quite right.
C.: And what about the crankshaft or electric spark plugs. I know absolutely nothing about the operating cycle of the engine. Just a moment. Don't worry! We shall _____ all units and how they work together.
Sometime later

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M.: My God! There is no petrol in the _____. How can you move drive?
C.: Really? Oh, I have forgotten to fill in the tank! I beg your pardon to trouble you!
M.: No trouble, at all. You are welcome!

EXERCISE 3

Give English equivalents using the underlined words in the dialogues above.

неисправно, выйти из строя _____
бензобак заполнен наполовину _____
закончилось топливо _____
в рабочем состоянии _____
необходима подзарядка _____
двигатель не запускается _____
сел аккумулятор _____

EXERCISE 4

Here's a conversation between a car mechanic and a customer. Listen and match.

Mechanic: _____

Amy: My car is making a very weird noise. It sounds like this: gulug, gulug, gulug...

Mechanic: _____

Amy: I'm not sure. When I'm in the car, it sounds like it's coming from the engine, but when I get out of the car, it sounds like it's coming from directly under the trunk, maybe the muffler?

Mechanic: _____

Amy: Sure.

Mechanic: Well, I don't hear the sound right now, but your battery needs replacing, you have a coolant leak, your carburetor needs adjusting, and your spark plugs are shot. I need to look under the car.

Amy: Okay, go ahead.

Mechanic: _____

Amy: But are any of those problems causing that horrible noise?

Mechanic: I don't know. I don't hear the noise right now, so it's hard to tell. But that's all work you need to have done on this car anyway for it to run right. It's only a matter of time before your car stops working if you don't take care of those problems.

Amy: I come in with one problem and you find 10 others. I guess you should go ahead. What else can I do?

Mechanic: _____

Let me take a look. Can you start the car and pop the hood?

Your brake pads need replacing and your tires need balancing.

That doesn't sound good. Where is it coming from?

Hi, I'm the mechanic. What can I do for you?

Buy a bus pass?

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