



Unit12. レンタカー

Renting a Car (2)



(1) Useful expressions

Catch one's eye

- Meaning: To attract one's attention
- Example: "She was planning on renting a compact car, but a nice sports car caught her eye, and she left the parking lot with it."

Pay through the nose.

- Meaning: pay a great deal for something, sacrifice for
- Example: "You'll pay through the nose to rent a car during the holiday season."

(2) Vocabulary

- Hybrid car (noun) -
 - a vehicle that uses two or more distinct power sources to move the vehicle. It uses rechargeable energy storage system, Gasoline/diesel, hydrogen, compressed air, human powered (ex. pedaling, rowing) or wind.
 - Example: I can get the best gas mileage with my new hybrid car.
- Compact car (noun)-
 - Compact car is a classification of cars which are larger than a super mini and smaller than a large family car.



- Example: I often see compact cars driven by women nowadays.
- Hit the road (idioms)-
 - To start a journey; To leave; go away.
 - Example: It's getting late – I'd better hit the road.

(3) Conversation

Rental Car Agent: Hi. How can I help you?

Customer: Yeah. I'd like to rent a mid-size car for three days.

Rental Car Agent: Okay. Let me check to see if we have one available.

Hmmm. It's doesn't look like we do.

We have a hybrid, compact, and full-size cars available, or a nice minivan.

Customer: Well, what is the main difference between these cars?

Agent: The main difference is size and gas consumption.

The hybrid car is more expensive but spacious and it carries many passengers and can hold more luggage.

[Okay.] How many people are with you?

Customer: We are a family of 6.

Rental Car Agent: Well, the hybrid minivan is perfect.



We have one right out front.

Customer: Where? That one?

It looks more like a shoebox to me.

I'm really tall and trying squeeze into that thing . . . I don't think so.

Rental Car Agent: Well, if you need more room or comfort, I recommend the full-size van.

It also has a nice stereo system, CD player, [Alright] safety rear door locks, and cruise control, and power locks and windows.

Customer: Well, I'm not so concerned about how it's equipped. I just want to make sure it is comfortable to drive. And what is the daily rate for that anyway?

Rental Car Agent: Well, let's see here. Oh, yeah. It'll come to fifty-seven ninety-five a day.

Customer: Wow, a little expensive. But what's the cost for mileage?

Rental Car Agent: Hey, all of our cars have unlimited miles, but of course, that doesn't include gas.

Customer: Yeah, right. I bet that car probably eats up gas, and now that were in the middle of the vacation season, gas stations are gouging consumers with astronomical prices.





Rental Car Agent: Well, as they say, it comes down to the law of supply and demand.
Okay. Would you like to purchase our daily car protection plan?

(4) Activity

Word Booster

Now, complete the sentences below with the best answer:

1. I'd like to rent a _____ to be able to haul some furniture from my apartment to my new house.

- A. minivan
- B. standard car
- C. pickup truck

2. If you decide not to use the rental car, be sure to contact the car rental company and cancel the reservation by phone, or you might be charged a _____.

- A. no-show fee
- B. damage waiver
- C. mileage limit

3. Be sure to _____ by 5:00 p.m. to avoid being charged for an extra day.

- A. Make a reservation
- B. Return the car
- C. Leave a deposit