**Listening & Speaking Practice**

**Lesson Topic: Car Issues**

**1. Vocabulary**

**Directions:** In this lesson, we’ll talk about car parts and common car issues. Let’s get familiar with some of the vocabulary we’ll be actively using:

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| **Word/Phrase**  **(Part of Speech)** | **Pronunciation**  **(stressed syllable bolded)** | **Example of Use** | **Mother-tongue Equivalence** |
| **mechanics**  (noun) | /me**-kᴂ**-kiks/ | Do you know anything about **mechanics**? | *mecánica* |
| **car failure**  (noun phrase) | /**fei**-lior/ | Car failures on the highway are highly dangerous. | *falla (del auto)* |
| **get into**  **an accident** (verb) | **/ge**-rɪn-tu  a-**nᴂk**-sɪ-den**(t)/** | I almost **got into an accident.** | *tener un accidente* |
| **on the way**  (prep. phrase) | **/on**-ðe-**ueɪ/** | I almost got into an accident **on the** **way**here. | *camino a* |
| **windshield wipers** (noun phrase) | **/uɪnd-**shiild**/** | My **windshield wipers**don't work. | *limpiaparabrisas* |
| **tire**  (noun) | /**tai**-er/ | I bought a new set of **tires** for my car. | *neumático* |
| **blow out**  (verb) | **/blou-**aut**/** | One of my tires **blew out.** | *reventar, explotar* |
| **pull onto the shoulder** (verb) | **/pu**-lon-tu  ðe**-shoul**-der**/** | I **pulled onto the** right **shoulder** and I called a friend. | *arrimarse al borde de la calle* |
| change the (car) oil  (verb phrase) | **-** | I **changed the car oil** last week. | *cambiar el aceite* |
| **break down**  (verb) | **/breɪk**-daun**/** | My car **broke down** on the interstate yesterday. | *averiarse* |
| **pull over**  (verb) | **/’pu**-lou-ver**/** | Luckily, I was able to **pull over** | *arrimarse (con el auto)* |
| **street shoulder**  (noun phrase) | /**shoul**-der/ | I pulled onto the **shoulder.** | *borde de la calle*  *( no transitable)* |
| **roadside assistance** (n. ph.) | **/roud**-saɪd  a-**sɪs**-tans**/** | Then, I called **roadside assistance** while I was waiting. | *asistencia en la carretera* |
| **flag down**  (verb) | **/flᴂg**-daun**/** | I tried to **flag down** some other cars, but no one stopped. | *hacer señal con la mano* |

**2. Listening**

**2.1. Comprehension**

**Directions:** Listen to the following conversations about car parts and car failures. Then, answer the comprehension questions in each case.

**A.**

**Question:** What problem did the man have with his car?

**Him:** I almost got into an accident on the way here. It was raining and I couldn't see anything.

**Her:** Really? it's not raining that hard!

**Him:** Yeah, but my windshield wipers don't work.

**B**

**Question:** What problem does the woman have with her car?

**Her:** Hello! Mike's Mechanics High.

**Him:** I'd like to make an appointment to bring in my car.

**Her:** What's the problem?

**Him:** Well, it's not running very well. And I already changed the oil; so, I know that's not the problem.

**C**

**Question:** What problem did the man have with his car?

**Him:** One of my tires blew out yesterday while I was on the highway.

**Her:** Really, what did you do?

**Him:** I pulled onto the right shoulder and I called a friend. She came and helped me change the tire. After that, my car was fine and I drove home.

**D.**

**Question:** What problem did the man have with his car?

**Him:** My car broke down on the interstate yesterday.

**Her:** I'm sorry to hear that.

**Him:** Luckily, I was able to pull over to the shoulder. Then, I called roadside assistance while I was waiting. I tried to flag down some other cars, but no one stopped.

**Her:** You're lucky. You weren't hurt. You know, if you ever break down on the highway again, you should stay in your car.

**2.2. Shadowing**

**Directions:** Go back to each short conversation and repeat each line under your teacher’s guidance.

**3. Speaking: Monologues**

**3.1. Mechanics and Me**

* Do you know how to drive? If so, where and when did you learn? Who taught you how to drive?
* Do you have your own car? What model is it? When did you buy it?
* Do you know anything about mechanics?
* Do you regularly take your car to the auto repair shop for maintenance?
* What do you do when your car breaks down on the road?

**3.2. My Car Failures**

* Have you (or someone you know) ever had an unpleasant experience with a car failure?
* If so, what happened exactly?
* Where did it happen?
* What time was it?
* Were you alone? Did anyone help you?
* Did you call roadside assistance?
* How did you get home?
* What do you advise people who experience a car failure on the road?

**3.3. Auto Services in My City**

* Are there many auto shops in your city?
* Are auto services high?
* How much is to change the car oil where you live, for example?
* How much does a set of new tires cost?
* Do your car insurance cover any type of failure? If so, which one? Tell us about it!