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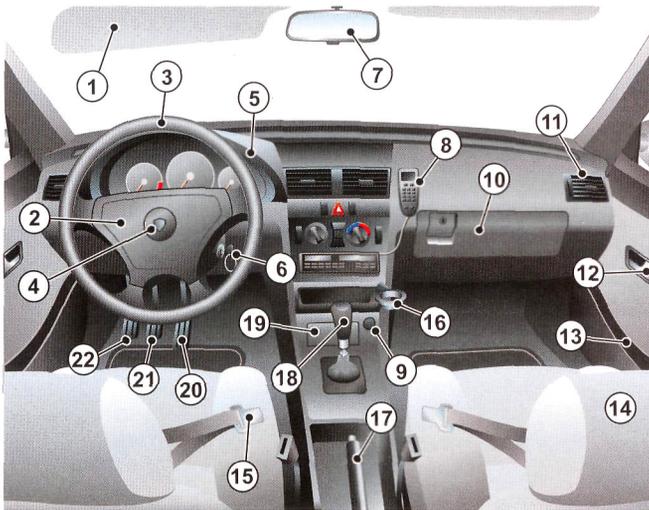
The interior

STARTER

Find someone in your class who:

- has a car with GPS navigation system
- likes to have lots of switches and gadgets in the car
- always buys a car with air conditioning
- has soft toys and cushions in the car
- needs plenty of legroom
- is a telematics user
- likes a sporty steering wheel
- doesn't allow smoking in his/her car

1 Label the parts of a car interior.



accelerator • air vent • airbag • ashtray • brake pedal • car seat (headrest) • cigarette lighter • clutch pedal • cup holder • dashboard • door handle • door tray • gearstick • glove compartment • handbrake • hands-free telephone • horn • ignition • rear-view mirror • seat belt • steering wheel • sun visor

1 _____
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15 _____
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20 _____
21 _____
22 _____

British English

accelerator
gearstick
glove compartment

American English

(also) gas pedal
gear shift/stick shift
(also) glove box

2 Complete the sentences with words from exercise 1.

- 1 It's so practical to have a _____ near the steering wheel. I can take a drink whenever I want.
- 2 In a car with manual transmission, you need to press the _____ when you want to change gear.
- 3 There's usually a cosmetic mirror on the passenger's _____.
- 4 I have a leather _____. It's not so cold for my hands in the winter and it gives you a good grip.
- 5 It's against the law to phone while driving so I've ordered a car with a _____.
- 6 Could you have a look in the road atlas? It's in the _____.
- 7 I don't need a _____ as I don't smoke and I don't want anyone to smoke in my car.
- 8 Could you close the _____? I'm getting a draught.

3 Match the numbers with the names of the instruments.



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|---------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------|--------------------------|
| coolant temperature gauge | <input type="checkbox"/> | fuel gauge | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| driver information system | <input type="checkbox"/> | rev counter | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| engine oil temperature gauge | <input type="checkbox"/> | speedometer | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| hazard warning/indicator lights | <input type="checkbox"/> | voltmeter | <input type="checkbox"/> |

4 Look at the picture in exercise 3. Which instrument:

- 1 shows you how fast the car is travelling? _____
- 2 warns you if the engine lubrication system gets too hot? _____
- 3 shows that you are indicating to turn left or right? _____
- 4 shows you how often the engine is turning over? _____
- 5 shows you how much petrol you have in the tank? _____
- 6 indicates the voltage of the car's electrical system? _____

5 Work with a partner to do the following role-play.

You are two managers from the marketing department. You are meeting to decide whether or not you should remove the cigarette lighter and ashtray as standard equipment. First look at the phrases in the Language Box, then look at your role cards.

PARTNER FILES →

Partner A File 2, p. 62
Partner B File 13, p. 64

SUGGESTIONS

Making suggestions

Why don't we ... ?
How about ...ing ... ?
I suggest ...
We could ...

Accepting suggestions

That sounds good.
I think that'll work.
Good idea.

Rejecting suggestions

I don't think that will work.
That's (maybe) not (such) a good idea because ...
I'm not sure about that.

6 What do you need to do when you first get into a car, before you start the engine? Look at the note. Continue the list with a partner.

- 1) Adjust seat (if necessary)
- 2)
- 3)

AUDIO



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7 Listen to and complete the following dialogue between a driving instructor and a learner taking a first driving lesson.

Instructor OK, so you're sitting in the car. What do you do now?

Learner Well, I start the car. No, wait! I check behind me first before I drive away.

Instructor You've forgotten something.

Learner Of course, I fasten my _____¹ first.

Instructor Even before you fasten your seat belt there are things you need to do. First of all, are you sitting comfortably?

Learner Not really. The seat is a bit too far from the _____².

Instructor So you need to adjust the seat, right? Use the two levers there to adjust the position and the height.

You can also adjust the steering wheel. So now you're sitting comfortably. What should you check now?

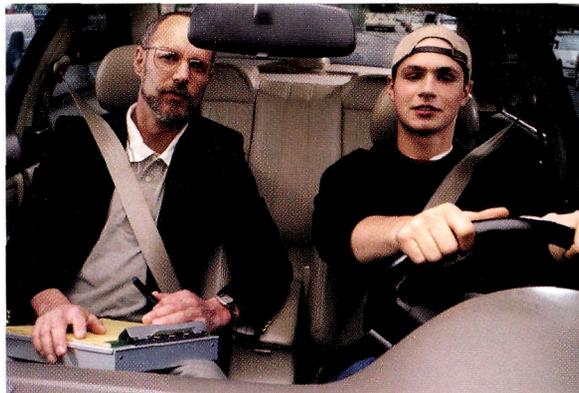
Learner That the _____³ mirror is in the right position. And the side mirror.

Instructor Quite right. What next?

Learner Well, if it's dark, I need to switch on the _____⁴.

Instructor Good. Finally, before you put the key into the _____⁵, what should you do?

Learner Now I fasten my seat belt.



Did your list in 6 match the instructions from the instructor?

8 Cover the dialogue on page 22. Can you remember which nouns can follow which verbs? Complete the table. Some nouns can go in more than one column.

bonnet • boot • door • fog lights • fuel • glove compartment • headlights • headrest • indicator • oil level • petrol cap • rear-view mirror • seat belt • seat height • seat position • side mirror • steering wheel • sunroof • tyre pressure • windscreen wipers

Open/Close	Adjust	Switch on/off	Check
<i>bonnet</i>	<i>rear-view mirror</i>	<i>fog lights</i>	<i>oil level</i>

9 Now work with a partner to answer these questions. Use phrases from the table above.

What do you do when:

- visibility is poor because of fog? _____
- your seat is too low? _____
- you think you need oil? _____
- you want to get out of the car? _____
- you can't see the cars behind you properly? _____
- it's getting dark? _____
- you want to look at the engine? _____
- your steering wheel is too high? _____
- you think your tyre pressure is low? _____
- you need your road map? _____
- it's warm and sunny? _____
- your passenger has no legroom in the back? _____

10 You work for a company that manufactures car parts. You receive the email below from a French customer. Complete the email with words from the box.

appreciate • attachment • forward • possible •
sending • unfortunately • writing

 From:	Perry, Yves <yperry@sr.g.fr>
 To:	frieda.benn@dashpan.co.uk
Subject:	order no. 7H325K

Dear Ms. Benn

I'm _____¹ to you because of a problem with the delivery which we received from you last week. The order was for 1000 dashboard panels. _____² 50 of the boxes that arrived were empty. Can you send us the missing items as soon as _____³? We would also _____⁴ it if you could look into the problem to make sure this does not happen again. I'm _____⁵ you a scan of the delivery note as an _____⁶.

I look _____⁷ to hearing from you soon.

Best regards
Yves Perry

Now write a reply to the email. Use the phrases in the Language Box to help you.

EMAIL PHRASES

Thank you for your email.
I'm writing to ...
I'm very sorry about ...
Could you ... ?

I'm sending you ...
I hope that ...
Let me know if ...
Best regards/Best wishes

11 Many car manufacturers now have car 'configurators' on their websites. These allow customers to customise their cars online before they buy. Look at the configurator and write the menu titles (a–f) in the correct columns (1–6).

- a Audio/Communication
- b Safety/Technology
- c Exterior equipment
- d Seats
- e Interior equipment
- f Wheels/Tyres

Home / [New Cars](#) / [Used Cars](#) / [Customer Service](#) / [Financial Services](#) / [Car Accessories](#)

CAR CONFIGURATOR: CHOOSE YOUR EQUIPMENT



1	2	3	4	5	6
<input type="checkbox"/> Electric adjustable and heated door mirrors, with memory <input type="checkbox"/> Remote control central locking <input type="checkbox"/> Electric slide and tilt glass sunroof <input type="checkbox"/> Towing equipment (removable)	<input type="checkbox"/> Electronic tyre pressure monitoring <input type="checkbox"/> 8J x 17 'seven spoke' design alloy wheels with 235/55 R17 tyres <input type="checkbox"/> 8.5J x 19 'twelve spoke' design alloy wheels with 255/40 R19 tyres	<input type="checkbox"/> Electronic climate control with individual driver and front passenger controls <input type="checkbox"/> Garage door opener <input type="checkbox"/> Rear window blind, electrically operated <input type="checkbox"/> Interior light pack	<input type="checkbox"/> Electric front seats – 14 way adjustable, with memory for front seats <input type="checkbox"/> Leather upholstery <input type="checkbox"/> Heated front and rear seats <input type="checkbox"/> Sports seats	<input type="checkbox"/> Anti-theft alarm with tow-away protection <input type="checkbox"/> Cruise control <input type="checkbox"/> Xenon headlights <input type="checkbox"/> Adaptive air suspension	<input type="checkbox"/> DVD-based navigation system <input type="checkbox"/> Hands-free dual-band/GSM car telephone <input type="checkbox"/> Voice control system <input type="checkbox"/> Active speakers

Which of the menus (1–6) would the following items belong to?

- A Driver and front passenger two-stage airbags
- B Child seat mounting system
- C CD autochanger for six discs
- D 255/45 R18 low profile tyres
- E Deluxe front centre armrest
- F Headlight cleaning system

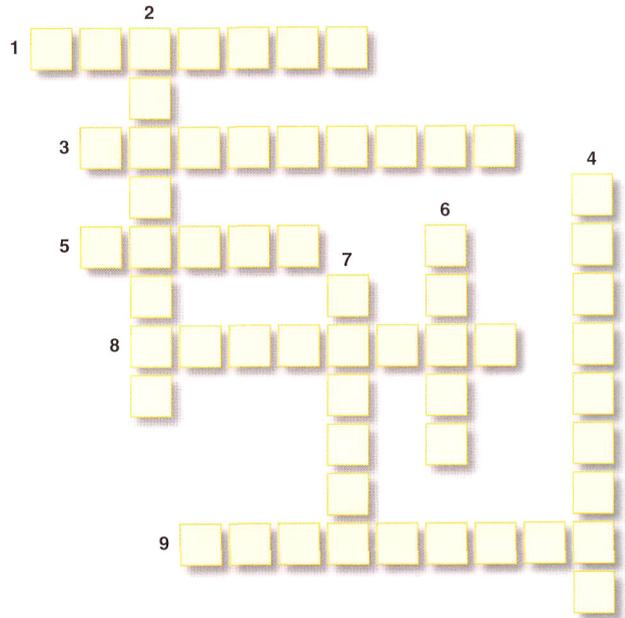
12 Complete the puzzle. The answers are all words from this unit.

Across

- 1 You put your cigarette here when it's finished.
- 3 The instruments are on this.
- 5 This is the middle pedal in a car.
- 8 This stops the sun from shining into your eyes.
(2 words)
- 9 You use this to change gear.

Down

- 2 This protects your head and neck in an accident.
- 4 You operate this when you park your car to stop it from moving.
- 6 You can put your maps and documents in the ...
compartment.
- 7 You look in the *rear-view* ... to check the traffic behind you.

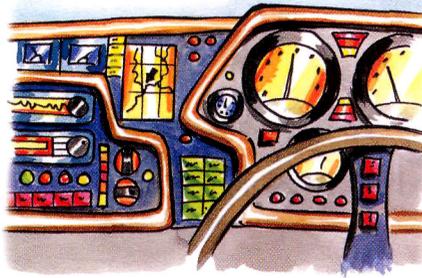


OUTPUT

Read the magazine article and answer the questions which follow.

Navigation aids, telematics equipment, audio system features, and the standard instruments are all fighting for space on the instrument panel (IP). This creates a challenge for interior designers and engineers who need to keep the IP simple so that the driver is not distracted by too many buttons and instruments. Customers also equate a spacious interior with luxury – another reason why the IP shouldn't look overcrowded.

Designers deal with the problem in various ways. They reduce the size of 'space-eaters' such as heating and cooling systems, or even remove them completely from the IP by putting them under the seat or in the boot. They also put many functions, such as station pre-set buttons for audio systems,



on touch screens. Touch screens save space on the IP but there is still the danger of overcrowding the screen, which could distract the driver and thus cause an accident. Another problem is the position: the touch screen needs to be located high on the dashboard so that the driver can use it easily while driving.

But if it is too high it can be hard to read because of reflections and the sun 'washing out' the screen.

Some engineers see voice recognition as a way to get rid of many manual controls and to simplify the IP. But voice recognition can also be overused. There needs to be an optimal balance between visual displays and voice instructions, so that the driver can deal safely with all the information he or she receives.

OVER TO YOU

Is the IP of your car user-friendly? Why, or why not?

Which do you prefer – an IP that looks like a cockpit with lots of switches and controls, or a more simplified version?

How do you feel about voice recognition controls?