

INGLÉS

In today's society, owning a car is a necessity. So what do you do when your private vehicle stops working, or begins to make funny noises indicating that it will very soon break down at a particularly inconvenient moment? There are two options.

First, you can take it to a mechanic. This option immediately poses problems which are too obvious and numerous to list. Second, you can try to repair it yourself. This alternative presents many other problems, among the worst of which are that you will be forced to think and do the work.

But there is another thing you can do to avoid this dilemma: you can listen to the radio programme *Car Talk*, in which the presenters argue with each other, read letters from fans on the air, interrupt each other, complain about lawyers and whatever else happens to annoy them and, occasionally, answer questions which listeners phone in about their cars. You will probably never find another show in which the presenters enjoy listening to another person's problems so much, and then laugh about them. The presenters are themselves mechanics who own and run a garage. Therefore, they sound as if they know what they are talking about.

QUESTIONS:

1. How do you know that your car will stop working at any moment? **Do not copy literally from the text** (1 punto)
2. Does the writer like any of the first two options he gives to solve this problem? **Do not copy literally from the text** (1 punto)
3. What makes *Car Talk* so attractive to listeners? **Do not copy literally from the text** (1 punto)
4. a) Complete each sentence with (a) suitable word(s) (1 punto):
 - i) If you are poor, you probably afford a car.
 - ii) I usually go to work car.
 - iii) I left my car in a big behind the restaurant.
 - iv) He got into the car and away.

b) Classify the following words into three groups, so that the words in each group are **pronounced with the same vowel** (0'5 puntos):

sound / own / you / phone / down / do / through / so / house

5. Put the verbs in brackets in the appropriate form (1'5 puntos):

Yesterday morning, my car (begin) to make funny noises indicating that it (break down) very soon. After (try) to repair it myself, I (decide) (take) it to a mechanic. He said the car (not be ready) until the following week.

6. Write a composition on **one** of the following topics (100-120 words) (4 puntos):
 - a) Imagine a day without cars
 - b) Describe a programme that you enjoy watching on TV or listening to on the radio.