

Cathy's First Car

The day finally came for Cathy to buy her first car, so she asked her best friend to go with her to the car dealership. After looking around for a while, the young women walked over to a salesperson and asked to be shown some of the used cars.

- Salesperson:** We have some great used cars, but wouldn't you rather have a brand new one? We have a really good sale on this cool red convertible over here. It's cheap, but very chic.
- Cathy:** Yes, it is really nice. But I don't want to spend too much money on a car.
- Salesperson:** Well, if you insist. Let's go to the used car lot and see if you can find something you like.
- Cathy:** Look at that one over there. It's kind of cute. It even has pink stripes on the sides.
- Jessica:** What! Cathy, I don't even think that one is for sale. It looks too old to run.
- Salesperson:** Oh no, it is for sale. It has almost 100,000 miles on it, but it runs pretty good. It was once owned by an old lady that only drove it to church until she passed away. Would you like to give it a test drive?
- Cathy:** Oh yes! I'm so excited. Let's go Jessica.
- Jessica:** Well, you're right. It is kind of cute, and it has a radio and air conditioner. But I think you'll need new tires.
- Cathy:** With the price of this car, I can afford new tires too.
- Jessica:** Cathy, I'm curious. Why do you like this one? I'm sure your parents would help you pay for a much better and newer car.
- Cathy:** Yes, they would help me, but I want to do this on my own. You see, if I get an expensive new car, it would be a burden for my parents, and for me. I would have to spend my time working more just to pay for it. And the cost for insurance would be higher. I would like to be able to buy other things too.
- Jessica:** Like what? What's better than a cool car?
- Cathy:** For starters, I would like to do some traveling with my youth group, attending camping trips and choir tours. That costs money you know. I just need a car that will get me where I need to go.
- Jessica:** Oh! okay, I understand. But pink stripes on the side, give me one good reason for that!
- Cathy:** Sure, you know how hard it is sometimes to find your car parked in a parking lot at the mall. Well, with pink stripes, I'll be able to find it right way!
- Salesperson:** Well, it sounds like you made up your mind. Let's go and write it up.