Unit 12

- Making a Police Report
- Automobile Parts and Problems
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TANYA MAKES A POLICE REPORT — Part 1

After the purse snatcher ran away, Tanya and Amir called the police. The attacker didn’t hurt Tanya, but it was important to report the attack in the garage. Soon after they called, officer O’Brien arrived at the garage to take a report. He asked Tanya for her full name and how to spell it. Tanya spelled every part of her name and officer O’Brien wrote it down.

Officer O’Brien saw that Tanya was upset. He was worried about her. Tanya was OK, but she was still a little scared.

1. Who called the police?
______________________________________________________________________

2. Who came to talk to them about the attack?
______________________________________________________________________

3. Did officer O’Brien ask for Tanya’s full name?
______________________________________________________________________

4. Did officer O’Brien ask Tanya to spell her name?
______________________________________________________________________

5. Was Tanya hurt by the attacker?
______________________________________________________________________
TANYA MAKES A POLICE REPORT — Part 2

Tanya told officer O’Brien everything that happened. She was in the garage because she parked her car there. She always parks her car there. On the way to the car, she opened her purse to get her keys. Somebody shouted something. She turned around when the attacker grabbed her purse from behind. He pulled hard, but she didn’t let go. Then Amir came and the attacker ran away.

Tanya was very lucky because Amir was brave and he came to help her. Officer O’Brien told her to go home and relax. He promised to let her know when he gets some information.

1. Why was Tanya in the garage?

2. How often does Tanya park there?

3. Did the attacker come up in front of Tanya?

4. What did the attacker want from Tanya?

5. Did he take it away from her?
VOCABULARY

Study the following definitions.

- alignment    straight and in order
- brave        not afraid of dangerous situations
- grab         take with force
- punctual     on time, not late
- reach        extend your arm to get something
- report       give information to the police

Fill in the blanks in the sentences below with the new vocabulary.

1. If you see a crime, you should ____________________________ it to the police.
2. Marco is never late to work. He’s very ________________________________.
3. The purse snatcher tried to ____________ Tanya’s purse when she was in the garage.
4. There’s a problem with all four of my tires. I think the ______________ isn’t correct.
5. Little Robert isn’t tall enough to _____________ the cookie on top of the refrigerator.
6. Amir helped Tanya because he wasn’t afraid of the purse snatcher.
   He was very ________________________.
AUTOMOBILE VOCABULARY

- windshield wipers
- hood
- tires
- radiator
- flat tire
- brakes
- ignition
- motor or engine
- turn signals
- headlights
- taillights
- steering wheel
- battery
- oil
FILING A POLICE REPORT

Study this dialogue.

Police: Could you describe what happened, please?
Victim: A man pushed me down and grabbed my purse. Then he ran away.
Police: Where did this happen?
Victim: On the corner of Broadway and 5th St.
Police: At what time?
Victim: At about 4:30 pm.
Police: Could you describe the man, please? What was his height?
Victim: He was tall, about six feet tall.
Police: And his weight...Was he heavy?
Victim: No, he wasn't. He weighed about 160 pounds.
Police: How old was he?
Victim: About 25 years old.
Police: And his complexion...Was he dark?
Victim: No, he wasn't. He was white.
Police: What color hair did he have?
Victim: He had brown hair.
Police: What color eyes?
Victim: He had blue eyes.
Police: Did he have a beard or a mustache?
Victim: No, he didn't.
Police: Did he have any distinguishing features? A scar? A mole?
Victim: Yes. He had a big scar on his forehead.
Police: Thank you for the information. We'll do our best to find him.
Imagine that you have been attacked by someone. Give the police detective a complete account of what happened. Describe the person who attacked you.

Police: Please describe what happened.

You: _________________________________________________________________

Police: Where did this happen?

You: _________________________________________________________________

Police: At what time?

You: _________________________________________________________________

Police: Could you describe the person, please? What was his/her height?

You: _________________________________________________________________

Police: And weight?

You: _________________________________________________________________

Police: How old was this person?

You: _________________________________________________________________

Police: Was he/she fair or dark?

You: _________________________________________________________________

Police: What color hair did he/she have?

You: _________________________________________________________________

Police: What color eyes?

You: _________________________________________________________________

Police: Any distinguishing features?

You: _________________________________________________________________

Police: Thank you very much. We’ll do our best!
MARTA HELPS JACK

When Marta was working in the repair shop one day, Jack told her how beautiful she looked. He gave her a hard time because he didn’t believe that a woman could be a good mechanic.

Later, Jack had a problem with a car. He didn’t know what was wrong with it. When he was looking under the hood of the car, Marta came over and found the problem. The tires didn’t have very much air and they were worn down. Jack was embarrassed because a woman found the problem before he did.

1. Where was Marta working?

___________________________________________________________________

2. What did Jack say about Marta?

___________________________________________________________________

3. Did Jack find the problem with the car?

___________________________________________________________________

4. Who found the problem with the car?

___________________________________________________________________

5. How did Jack feel?

___________________________________________________________________
GLORIA DROPS OFF HER CAR

Gloria needs to leave her car overnight at the repair shop. Marta will change the brake fluid and put on new tires by tomorrow morning. Gloria’s husband is coming to pick her up.

Marta needs to move Gloria’s car. When she tries to start it, it won’t start. The battery is dead. Gloria will have to buy a new battery. Jack asks Gloria, “Does your husband help you take care of your car?” Gloria answers, “He knows less about cars than I do.”

1. Why is Gloria at the repair shop?

__________________________________________________________________

2. Who is coming to pick Gloria up?

__________________________________________________________________

3. Who is Gloria talking with?

__________________________________________________________________

4. When will her car be ready?

__________________________________________________________________

5. Does Gloria’s husband know more or less about cars than Gloria?

__________________________________________________________________
AT THE AUTO REPAIR SHOP

Study these dialogues.

Mechanic: What can I do for you?
Client: I have a problem with my windshield wipers. They don’t work.
Mechanic: I’ll check them out for you.

Mechanic: What seems to be the problem?
Client: There’s something wrong with my radiator. It’s overheating.
Mechanic: I’ll check it for you.

Mechanic: What can I do for you?
Client: There’s something wrong with my ignition. It doesn’t work.
Mechanic: Let me take a look for you.

Mechanic: Can I help you?
Client: There’s something wrong with my engine. It’s making noise.
Mechanic: Drive your car over there and we’ll take a look at it.
Choose the correct answer to complete these dialogues.

1. 
Mechanic: How can I help you?  
Client: I have a problem with my _________________. It’s overheating.  
Mechanic: I’ll check it for you.  
   a. right turn signal  
   b. steering wheel  
   c. radiator

2. 
Mechanic: What’s the problem?  
Client: I have a problem with my _________________. They don’t light up.  
Mechanic: Let me have a look at them.  
   a. windshield wipers  
   b. taillights  
   c. brakes

3. 
Mechanic: What’s the matter?  
Client: My car won’t start. I think my ________________ is dead.  
Mechanic: Let me check it.  
   a. tire  
   b. battery  
   c. hood

4. 
Mechanic: Can I help you?  
Client: My car doesn’t stop. There must be a problem with my ___________.  
Mechanic: Let me see.  
   a. brakes  
   b. motor  
   c. ignition

5. 
Mechanic: Can I help you?  
Client: When I turn the key, nothing happens. Could you check my ________?  
   a. oil  
   b. radiator  
   c. ignition
TWO-WORD VERBS

In English, there are many verbs whose meanings will change when a second word is used with it. These are called two-word verbs.

For example: **look** means to see, **look after** means to take care of something or someone, **look out** means to be careful.

*Study this list of common two-word verb combinations.*

- **bring back**  return
- **do over**  do something again
- **drop off**  leave someone or something at some place
- **pick out**  select from many choices
- **pick up**  go and get something or somebody
- **put away**  put something in its correct order and place
- **put on**  wear clothing
- **take off**  remove clothing
- **think over**  think about something to make a decision
- **throw away**  put in the garbage
Fill in the blanks with the correct two-word verbs.

1. It’s very hot. Why don’t you ______________________________ your jacket?

2. Please ____________________ this old pair of shoes. They’re no good anymore.

3. Children, ______________________ your toys. They are all over the floor.

4. This is a serious problem that I will have to __________________ carefully before I can make a decision.

5. My car broke down. Can you help me __________________ the children at school this morning?

6. Shirley has to __________________ her English homework because she made too many mistakes the first time.

7. I need to __________________ my clothes from the cleaners this Friday.

8. Luisa is very excited about the preparations for her wedding. I think she’s going to __________________ a French-style wedding gown.

9. If you’re cold, you should ______________________________ your jacket.

10. If you don’t __________________ these library books soon, you will have to pay a fine for keeping them so long.
IVAN GETS THE JOB

When Mr. Gray was working in the office, he heard a knock at the door. He said, “Come in, Ivan.” Ivan entered and shook Mr. Gray’s hand. He was surprised because Mr. Gray knew him before he saw him. Mr. Gray was expecting Ivan because they had an appointment at 10:00. Ivan arrived on time. When Mr. Gray heard the knock at 10:00, he was sure it was Ivan. Mr. Gray likes people who are punctual. That means that they come on time to appointments.

Mr. Gray offered Ivan a part-time job for $15.00 an hour. He wanted Ivan to start on Monday. Ivan was very surprised and excited. He got the job! He thanked Mr. Gray and left the office with a big smile on his face.

1. Was Ivan on time for his appointment with Mr. Gray?

2. Does punctual mean the same thing as on time?

3. Is it important to be punctual?

4. Will Ivan work every day?

5. How much money will Ivan make?
UNIT 12 TEST

Circle the correct answer.

1. Amir is always on time. He is very ________________________.
   a. honest
   b. punctual
   c. lucky

2. The purse snatcher wanted to ________________________ the woman’s purse.
   a. grab
   b. return
   c. look at

3. A lion was eating Jon’s dog. He saved it. He is very ________________________.
   a. intelligent
   b. young
   c. brave

4. Somebody stole Stefan’s car. He must ________________________ this to the police.
   a. hide
   b. report
   c. spell

5. When you drive a car, you hold onto the ________________________________.
   a. headlights
   b. battery
   c. steering wheel

6. The lights at the back of the car are called the ________________________________.
   a. taillights
   b. headlights
   c. tires

7. If your car needs water, you must put it in the ________________________________.
   a. ignition
   b. radiator
   c. flat tire

8. The ________________________ make the car stop.
   a. brakes
   b. taillights
   c. right turn signal
UNIT 12 TEST

9. If a car is overheating, it’s getting too __________________________.  
   a. old  
   b. hot  
   c. much gas

10. What was the man’s height? He was __________________________.  
    a. black hair  
    b. 5 feet 6 inches tall  
    c. 150 pounds

11. What was the man’s weight? He weighed about __________________________.  
    a. 180 pounds  
    b. 6 feet tall  
    c. very dark

12. Did the man have any distinguishing features? Yes, he had a __________.  
    a. scar  
    b. nose  
    c. mouth

13. What was the man’s complexion? He was __________________________.  
    a. dark  
    b. excited  
    c. nervous

14. Ivan has a problem. He can’t decide which job to take. He must __________.  
    a. put it on  
    b. do it over  
    c. think it over

15. Jon’s room is a mess. He must __________________________ his clothes.  
    a. take off  
    b. put on  
    c. put away

16. My son is at gymnastics. I will __________________________ in an hour.  
    a. pick him out  
    b. put him away  
    c. pick him up
UNIT 12 TEST

17. We have to ____________________________ our clothes before we take a bath.
   a. take off
   b. put on
   c. bring back

18. I made a mistake on my math homework. I have to _______________________.
   a. do it over
   b. drop it off
   c. bring it back

19. The new suit Javier bought has a hole under the arm. He needs to ________________
    to the store.
   a. drop it off
   b. bring it back
   c. take it off

20. I have many dresses for you. Please _____________________ the one you like the most.
   a. pick out
   b. throw away
   c. take off
UNIT 12
STUDENT ANSWER KEY

VOCABULARY (page 80)
1. report
2. punctual
3. grab
4. alignment
5. reach
6. brave

AT THE AUTO REPAIR SHOP (page 87)
1. c
2. b
3. b
4. a
5. c

TWO-WORD VERBS (page 89)
1. take off
2. throw away
3. put away
4. think over
5. drop off
6. do over
7. pick up
8. pick out
9. put on
10. bring back