

CAR TROUBLE

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YOUR WORD LIST

Flat tyre
Spare tyre
Tow truck
Car jack
Emergency kit
Gas/Fuel/petrol
Mechanic
Car repair shop
Breakdown
Oil change

LOOK AT THE PHOTOS. WHAT DO YOU SEE?

DESCRIBE THE PHOTOS IN AS MUCH DETAIL AS YOU CAN.

UNEXPECTED HELP

I was driving home from work when I heard a loud bang. I pulled over and saw that my rear tyre was flat. Great, just what I needed. I opened the trunk and looked for the spare tyre, but it wasn't there. I must have forgotten to put it back after the last time I used it. I checked my phone and saw that it was almost 9 pm. The nearest repair shop was probably closed by now. I began to feel a little desperate.

Then I noticed a car pull up beside me. It was a white tow truck with a friendly-looking driver. He rolled down his window and asked if I needed help. I told him about my situation and he smiled. He said he had a spare tyre that would fit my car and offered to change it for me. I couldn't believe my luck! He got out of his truck and grabbed a jack and a wrench from the back. Then he quickly lifted my car and replaced the flat tyre with his spare one. After that he even checked the air pressure and tightened the nuts.

He finished in less than 10 minutes. As I thanked him profusely and asked him how much I owed him he shook his head and said it was nothing. He said he was just passing by and, seeing me in trouble, he just wanted to help. Then he drove off waving his hand in good bye.

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WHAT DO YOU THINK?

1. What are the some reasons for a flat tyre?
2. If your car has trouble how much would you be able to fix? Why?
3. Are cars easier or more difficult to repair nowadays than in the past? Explain.
4. Have you ever helped someone with car problems? When and how?
5. Will there still be cars in 100 years from now? Why /Why not?