



Five College Center for the Study of World Languages

Conversation Preparation Guides

Title: Renting a Car

Topic: Transportation

Level: Intermediate-Advanced

Practice on Your Own

Imagine you are in a country where the language is spoken and need to rent a car.

- Learn how to ask to find car rental agencies, by phone or through an online search.
 - Is there a car rental agency in this town/city?
 - Where can I find a car rental agency?
 - What are the documents I need to bring?
- Prepare a conversation between two people at a car rental agency.
 - *You:* I want to rent a car.
 - *Agent:* What kind of car would you like?
 - *You:* I want a cheap one.
 - *Agent:* Okay, we have a Toyota Yaris. It costs...
 - *You:* What documents do I need?
 - *Agent:* Do you have an international driving permit? ...

Practice in Conversation Session

- Ask your conversation partner and fellow students if they have ever rented a car. Where, for how long, to go where...?
- Role play the conversation you have prepared in a car rental agency.
- Talk about your experiences renting cars, or your friends' or family member's experiences. Is it expensive? What documents are required? How far can you go with the car? How do you choose a car? Do you need to purchase insurance? ...