

AROUND THE SHOP

10.1. Vocabulary

Ex. 1. Match the words to their Russian equivalents.

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| 1. bead blaster | a. яма |
| 2. fan | b. компьютер |
| 3. pit | c. рабочая лампа |
| 4. drain | d. раковина |
| 5. printer | e. моечная ванна |
| 6. electrical outlet | f. слив |
| 7. work lamp | g. электрическая розетка |
| 8. solvent tank | h. принтер |
| 9. sink | i. дробеструйный аппарат |
| 10. computer | j. вентилятор |

Ex. 2. Complete the sentences with the given words.

bead, solvent, lamp, pit, electrical, printing, fan, blaster, tank, outlet, computer, work, drain

The _____(1) in the shop was clogged, so they had to call a plumber.

As the mechanic worked on the car, he used his _____(2) _____(3) to see the small parts better.

There was only one _____(4) _____(5) in the garage, so they had to use extension cords for all their equipment.

After fixing the engine, the mechanic sat down at his _____(6) to order some new parts.

As they were _____(7) out the receipts, the printer suddenly ran out of ink.

The mechanic had to soak the dirty part in the _____(8) _____(9) before reinstalling it.

It was a hot day in the shop, so the mechanic turned on the _____(10) to cool off.

The _____(11) was filled with oil and needed to be drained before any further work could be done.

They put on protective gear before using the _____(12) _____(13) to clean the rust off of the car's body.

10.2. Reading

Ex. 1. Read the text.

When you're shopping for a new car, it's important to look under the hood and take a test drive. But if you're buying a used car, or just want to make sure your current car is in good shape, you might want to visit a mechanic. There are a few things you should be looking for when you choose a mechanic.

First of all, you'll want to find out how long they've been in business. If they've only been open for a year or two, you might want to keep looking. It can take a while for a mechanic to build up a good reputation, and you don't want to be their guinea pig. On the other hand, if they've been around for 30 years, that's probably a good sign.

Another important thing to consider is whether or not they specialize in your type of car. For example, if you have a BMW, you might want to look for a mechanic who specializes in German cars. They'll have more experience working on your type of car, and will have all the tools they need. Some types of cars require special tools, like a bead blaster or a computer diagnostic system. If your mechanic doesn't have these tools, they won't be able to fix your car properly.

The next thing you'll want to consider is how much they charge. You might be tempted to go with the cheapest mechanic in town, but that could be a big mistake. A good mechanic will charge a fair price, but if

someone is charging significantly less than everyone else, there's probably a reason for that. They might be cutting corners, using cheap parts, or just not doing a very good job. On the other hand, you definitely don't want to pay more than you have to. Try to find a mechanic who charges a fair price, and who offers some kind of warranty on their work.

Finally, you should visit the mechanic's shop and take a look around. Is it clean and well-organized? Do they have all the tools they need, or do they have to keep running to the store? Is there a waiting room with comfortable chairs and a TV, or will you be stuck sitting on an old car seat for hours? These things might not seem important, but if you're going to be spending a lot of time at the mechanic's, you'll want to be comfortable.

Ex. 2. *Which title fits best?*

1. Choosing the Right Mechanic for Your Car
2. The Importance of a Comfortable Waiting Room at the Mechanic's
3. How to Find the Cheapest Mechanic in Town

Ex. 3. *Choose the correct answer:*

1. According to the text, why should you avoid choosing a mechanic who has only been in business for a short time?
 - A. They are likely to charge higher prices.
 - B. They may not have the necessary tools.
 - C. They might not have a good reputation yet.
 - D. They specialize in a specific type of car.
2. What does the text suggest about choosing a mechanic who specializes in your type of car?
 - A. They will charge higher prices.
 - B. They will have more experience.
 - C. They will use cheap parts.
 - D. They won't have the necessary tools.

3. Why should you be cautious of choosing a mechanic who charges significantly less than others?

- A. They might not have the necessary tools.
- B. They are likely to cut corners.
- C. They have a bad reputation.
- D. They specialize in a specific type of car.

4. What does the text say about the importance of a mechanic's shop environment?

- A. It affects the price they charge.
- B. It determines how long they have been in business.
- C. It reflects their level of experience.
- D. It impacts the customer's comfort.

5. Based on the text, what should you consider when choosing a mechanic?

- A. The cleanliness of their shop.
- B. The price they charge.
- C. The length of time they have been in business.
- D. All of the above.

6. What is the main purpose of the text?

- A. To explain how to choose a mechanic.
- B. To compare prices of different mechanics.
- C. To promote a specific mechanic's shop.
- D. To discuss the benefits of car maintenance.

10.4. Communication

Ex. 1. Make sentences using the following words:

1. car/broke/mechanic
2. mechanic/corner/business/years
3. discounts/regular/customers
4. closed/Sundays/fixed