

## Lesson 10

## READ THIS STORY #1, Advanced

## Car Repairs

Gary buckled his seatbelt and backed his Volkswagon van onto the road. Black smoke streamed out of the exhaust pipe. There was the usual squeal when he applied the brakes, but when he tried to shift gears, nothing happened. No amount of pleading would make his car get into forward gear. So Gary parked it on the side of the road by driving in reverse.

Gary looked at the old heap. He wondered if he should have it towed to a repair shop or to a junkyard. It wasn't worth much, but at least it was paid for.

Gary needed reliable transportation. Keeping this car running had put a serious dent in his budget. Buying a new car was out of the question on his teacher's salary, yet getting another used car might require many unexpected repairs.

So Gary decided to get his transmission fixed. The local transmission shop gave him a reasonable estimate. But his car would be out of commission for a week.

The only good feature of the deal was that the shop would loan him a new rental car while the old van was being fixed. Gary knew he'd enjoy scooting around town in a new car for the next few days.