

## Fill 'er up = Fill up the gas tank – at the gas station in the USA

After departing the **rental car agency**, Sarah & Maria noticed **their fuel supply was running low**. Given the long journey ahead, they decided it was a perfect time to stop at a gas station and fill 'er up; however, discovering that sometimes the simplest tasks aren't so simple.

Maria: Sarah, these **petrol pumps** seem different than the ones in Europe and I don't even see where we are supposed to put the nozzle **to fill the fuel tank**.

Sarah: Don't worry Maria. I will ask that cute boy over there with the truck. The one who is cleaning his windshield.

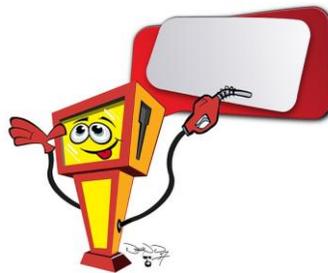
*Sarah approaches the boy*

Sarah: Excuse me young man, would you happen to know if our car takes diesel or regular gasoline, and where we may find access to fill the tank?

Boy: **Yes ma'am**, your car accepts **regular gas** and there is no need for high octane. It's just a waste of money. You will find the **fuel tank cap** on the left side of the car. This is standard for American made cars. If you have trouble with the pump, you may need to go inside and ask the cashier for assistance. Drive carefully.

Sarah: Ok, thank you for your help.

Boy: No problem. Have a nice day.



*after a while*

Sarah: Maria, let's go inside. It seems we must pay first before operating this pump. Please lock the car.

Maria: Ok, it is a perfect time to use the bathroom and buy some snacks for the road.

Sarah: I'm a bit thirsty. Shall I buy a large package of your favorite sunflower seeds and two diet cokes while you are in the restroom?

Maria: Yes, you sure know what makes me happy. Sarah, I hope the toilets are clean. I just hate using these **public restrooms**. They are usually disgusting.

Sarah: Yes, I agree. Now let's get going. There is a handsome man heading over to the **drink dispenser**. I am going to ask him for some assistance. Maybe he can show me where to find the ice.

Maria: Ha, ha, Sarah. Better yet, why don't you see if your Prince Charming will pump the gas for us?

Sarah: Maria, you are brilliant.

Maria: If I were brilliant, we would have a chauffeur driving us to Colorado and I wouldn't be worried about how to **pump petrol**.

Sarah: I suppose you are right, but you are a terrific girl and I'm going to buy you a cookie for the ride.

Maria: Thank you. Please don't forget to **pre-pay for the fuel** and tell the clerk we are at pump 27.

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The selection of key phrases may be useful:

After departing the **rental car agency**, Sarah & Maria noticed **their fuel supply was running low**. – Po wyjeździe z **wypożyczalni samochodów**, Sarah i Maria zauważyły, że **ich zapas paliwa się kończy**.

Sarah, these **petrol pumps** seem different than the ones in Europe. – Sarah, te **dystrybutory paliwa** wydają się być inne, niż w Europie.

I don't even see where we are supposed to put the nozzle **to fill the fuel tank**. – Nawet nie widzę, gdzie powinnam włożyć końcówkę aby **zatankować**.

You will find the **fuel tank cap** on the left side of the car. – **Wlew paliwa** znajdzie pani po lewej stronie auta.

You may need to go inside and ask the cashier for assistance. – Być może będziesz musiała wejść do środka i poprosić kasjera o asystę.

I wouldn't be worried about how to **pump petrol**. – Nie martwiłabym się tym, jak **zatankować paliwo**.

Please don't forget to **pre-pay for the fuel**. – Nie zapomnij **zapłacić z góry za paliwo**.

