

# Cars



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## Reading

Today, people no longer regard cars as luxury goods. Cars have become a necessity for most people. They are convenient and time-saving machines.

Compact cars are economical in terms of price, mileage, insurance and taxes and most people think compact cars meet most of their needs. However, some people do not choose a car based on their needs. Rather, they pick out bigger, more expensive cars. They think cars show social status.

Thanks to the exploding demand for cars, roads are so crowded that governments are making plans to discourage the number of ownerships and the frequency of driving. But effective plans are not easy to come up with, and most of them clash against people's interests. The problem is that the government is "doing its best" to introduce immediate and easy rules, which inevitably entail a financial burden such as a tax increase. The bottom line is that government must help people use public transportation more comfortably by investing more money in the quality of public transportation, building more roads and developing scientific system of road management. Then people would be willing to give up a very time and energy consuming job: driving.

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