

The Great Vehicle Hunt Game Overview

Topic: Car Buying

Source: Consumer Jungle

Age: High Schoolers

Length of Game: 10-15 minutes

URL: <http://www.consumerjungle.org>, click on "Students," then "Cars." Scroll down to the Quizzes section, and under "The Great Vehicle Hunt!" click "Start wheelin' and dealin'→"

Direct Link to this Game: <http://www.consumerjungle.org/flash/autohunt.html>

Technical Requirements: Computer with Internet access, basic browser and Macromedia Flash (browsers and Flash available to download on the site – Scroll Down to the bottom and click on "Tech Tools")

How to Use This Game:

- Can be used by itself as it provides information and teaches principles within the actual game; OR
- This game would also be a good accompaniment and re-enforcement of lessons learned in Consumer Jungle's lesson "Buying a New or Used Car." (It could also be used as a quiz to test students' understanding of the lesson.) The lesson is a detailed power point presentation that discusses budgeting for a car purchase and that describes a smart, four-step process for car-buying (researching, checking out the cars, setting a target price, and shopping for financing). [Click here](#) for this lesson.

What This Game Teaches:

- Practical tips for purchasing a car
 - Advantages and disadvantages of shopping via dealership, used car dealership, auction, and classifieds (private sellers)
 - Things to look for in a car, "red flags" to look out for, appropriate vs. inappropriate fees, etc.
 - The steps of the process, including taking a used car to a mechanic, taking the financial information home to review before making a decision, and more
 - Wise, down-to-earth, teenager-friendly advice for the shopping experience (such as taking a parent or friend with you, not shopping on an empty stomach, etc.)

How to Play:

- After the game loads, read the introduction and click "Next"
 - You can choose to have sound or not by clicking "On" or "Off" at the top left-hand corner of the screen
- Read the next window and click "Next"
- A list of "tools" for car buying will appear on the next screen
 - Click each one's box and read how it will help you

- You cannot advance to the next screen until you have clicked all the tool's boxes
 - When you've read about all the tools, click "Next"
- Read the next screen and click "Jump to Map"
- You will see the different ways you can shop for your car
 - Your choices are Auto Auction, Dave's Automart, The Nickle Classifieds, and Crazy Al's Used Cars
 - Click on one to read the advantages and disadvantages of shopping this way
 - You can then click on "Test Drive Your Skills" to try shopping that way or "Map" to return to the map and choose another option
- Clicking on "Test Drive Your Skills" will take you to the questions section
 - A question or situation appears in the left-hand side of the window. Read the question/situation
 - Your three potential answers are on the right-hand side of the window. When you are ready to choose one, click on the yellow circle in front of that answer
 - Whether you answer correctly or not, you will then see the correct answer's number appear in green. An explanation of the answer, along with more information and tips for dealing with the situation, appears on the left-hand side of the window. Read it!
 - Click "Next" when ready to advance to the next question
- When you answer all the questions in a particular section, you will return to the map, where you can repeat the process with another car-buying option