

EVOLVE LEVEL 5, Mid-term Test 2A

LISTENING 1

- Jo:** Hey, guys. I need your advice. I'm thinking of buying a car. I saw an ad online for a Sedan. It's pretty old so it's only \$800. What do you think?
- Carla:** Go for it! You commute to work on the train every day, so you wouldn't need to do that anymore, and you're constantly going out somewhere on the weekends, so I think it makes good financial sense. Yes, I would encourage you to buy it.
- Jo:** OK, thanks, Carla. How about you, Steve, what do you think? You look a little doubtful.
- Steve:** I think it's a nice idea, but if you're going to be logical about a purchase like that, you need to remember you live in an apartment and you have nowhere to park the car when you aren't using it. There's nowhere legal to park on the street near you and parking-lot fees are super expensive, so I would worry about what it's all going to cost. Eight hundred dollars is a lot of money and I'd be sad if you regretted the purchase later.
- Jo:** Hmm. You have a point there ...
- Carla:** I hadn't thought of that, Steve! Now I have mixed feelings. On the one hand, a used car costs a lot less than a new one, but you don't know exactly what you're buying. It might have been in an accident or it could need some work. Sometimes people post really misleading ads just because they want a quick sale. It could be a real downer if you don't get what you think you're going to get. I'm always a little suspicious of things that seem cheaper than they should be.
- Steve:** Yeah, I agree. And here's the other thing – you know how much I care about the environment, so you might have guessed that I'm not in favour of seeing another car on the road. You won't convince me it's a good idea. People who own cars are just being selfish. They're contributing to greenhouse gases, adding to air pollution in our cities, and spending their hard-earned money on gas. I don't think any of that is particularly sensible.
- Jo:** Hmm. I have some thinking to do. Thanks, guys!