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Level: Advanced

Fill in the blank squares so that each row, each column and each 3-by-3 block contain all of the digits 1 thru 9. If you use logic you can solve the puzzle without guesswork.

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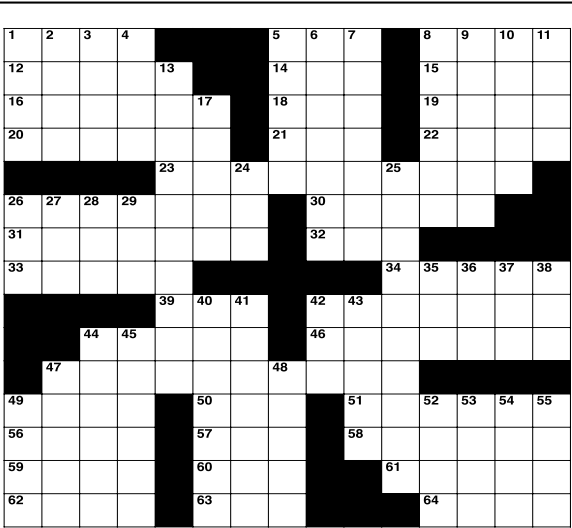
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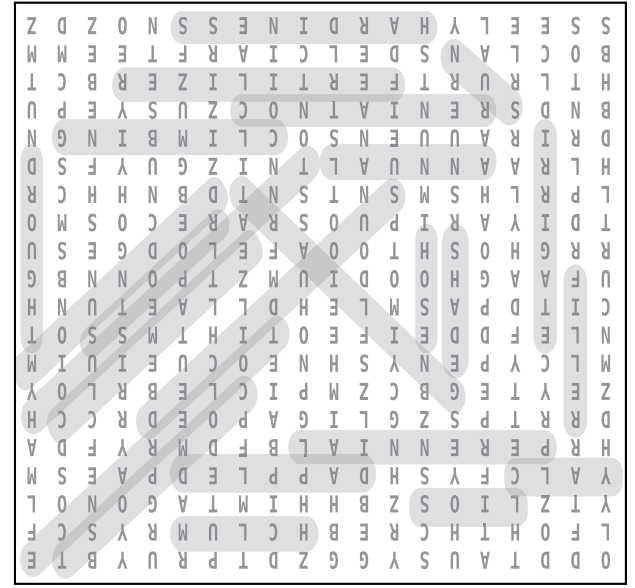
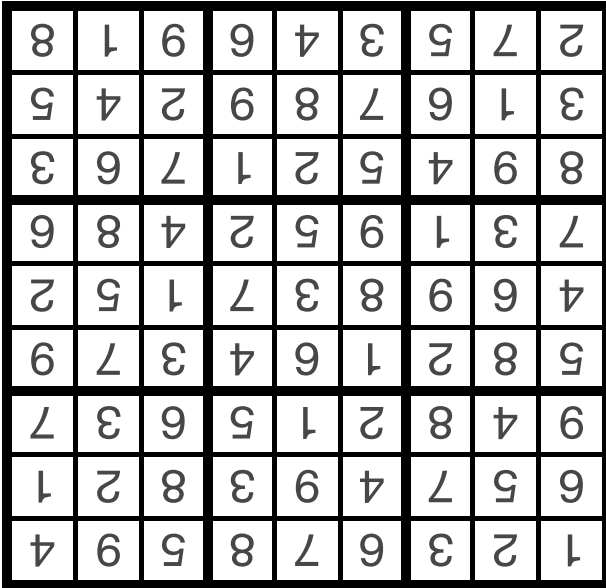


**CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. Orator's podium
- 5. UK-Netherlands gas pipeline
- 8. Partner to "oohs"
- 12. African antelope
- 14. Indigenous Thai person
- 15. Monetary unit of Angola
- 16. Becomes less intense
- 18. Insurance mascot
- 19. Tech hub \_\_ Alto
- 20. Actress Tomei
- 21. Airborne (abbr.)
- 22. Type of smart watch
- 23. Natives
- 26. Incompetent person
- 30. Rare Hawaiian geese
- 31. Unspoken relationships
- 32. Passports and licenses are two
- 33. Claw
- 34. Status quo
- 39. Mimic
- 42. Fur-lined cloak
- 44. Ancient foreigner
- 46. In an angry way
- 47. Ill-intentioned
- 49. Monetary unit of Serbia
- 50. S. American plant
- 51. One or the other
- 56. An alias for Thor
- 57. Gratuity
- 58. In a painful way
- 59. French commune
- 60. Promotional materials
- 61. Greek city
- 62. Assistant
- 63. Confederate general
- 64. Former NJ governor

**CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Used by gymnasts
- 2. "Luther" actor Idris
- 3. Broad volcanic crater
- 4. Not for
- 5. Blur
- 6. Tots
- 7. Acted leisurely
- 8. About the Alps
- 9. Gets out of bed
- 10. Town in "The Iliad"
- 11. Welsh given name
- 13. Remove salt
- 17. Fencing sword
- 24. Mental disorder concerning body odor (abbr.)
- 25. Keeps a house cozy
- 26. Ballplayer's accessory
- 27. Southwestern Russian city
- 28. Pro sports league
- 29. Congress investigative body (abbr.)
- 35. Stop standing
- 36. Utilize
- 37. Sign language
- 38. Famed ESPN broadcaster Bob
- 40. Being of central importance
- 41. Ruin environment
- 42. Dessert dish
- 43. Sea eagles
- 44. Fertilized
- 45. Jerry's friend Benes
- 47. Indian river
- 48. Pass into a specified state or condition
- 49. Nocturnal rodent
- 52. A way to travel
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- 54. Ancient Greek City
- 55. NFL signal caller Matt



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# Beat the Heat: Auto Safety Tips for Hot Summer Driving

As the summer sun beams down with increasing intensity, planning a road trip can be a fantastic way to make the most of the season. However, the high temperatures can also pose challenges to drivers and their vehicles. Follow these tips to ensure that your summer driving is safe, efficient, and enjoyable.

**1. Check Your Tires:** Heat can affect tire pressure, which may lead to a blowout if not properly managed. Check your tire pressure regularly and make sure it aligns with your vehicle's recommended PSI. Don't forget to inspect your tires for signs of wear and tear.

**2. Keep Your Engine Cool:** Just like humans, cars can overheat in the summer. Regularly check your car's coolant level and ensure it's properly filled to the correct line. If the coolant is discolored or has debris, it's time for a flush and replacement.

**3. Protect Your Battery:** Extreme heat can shorten a battery's lifespan. Ensure the battery is clean and tightly secured

to prevent vibration. If your battery is more than three years old, it's a good idea to have it tested.

**4. Maintain Your Air Conditioning:** Your car's AC is its best defense against the summer heat. If your AC isn't cooling as well as it should, you might need to recharge the refrigerant. Remember to replace your cabin air filter as per the manufacturer's recommendations.

**5. Be Prepared for Glare:** Bright sunlight can create visibility problems. Keep a pair of polarized sunglasses in the car and use your sun visors. Also, keep your windshield clean, as grime and streaks can exacerbate the glare.

**6. Protect Your Car's Interior:** Direct sunlight can damage your car's interior. Use sunshades on your windshield to protect the dashboard, and consider seat covers to safeguard your seats.

**7. Stay Hydrated:** Dehydration can lead to dizziness, fatigue, and impaired concentration – all dangerous when driving. Always keep a bottle of water in the



car.

**8. Never Leave Children or Pets in the Car:** A parked car can quickly become a furnace in the summer heat. Never leave children, pets, or any living being in a parked car, even with the windows down.

**9. Prepare for Emer-**

**gencies:** Keep an emergency kit in your car that includes water, non-perishable food, a first-aid kit, flashlight, jumper cables, and a spare tire. Include a heat-specific item such as a parasol or extra sunscreen.

**10. Avoid Driving During the Hottest Part**

**of the Day:** If possible, plan your drive during the cooler parts of the day – early morning or late evening. This not only puts less strain on your car but also makes the drive more comfortable.

Remember, as you prepare for your summer road

trip, your car also needs to gear up for the heat. Regular maintenance and taking these precautions can ensure you and your vehicle stay safe this summer. Enjoy the open road, the destination, and the journey, all while staying cool and safe!

# Finding the Right Car for Empty Nesters: Embracing the Freedom of Choice

Entering the empty nest phase of life brings newfound freedom and opportunities. Among the many decisions to be made, choosing the right car is an exciting endeavor. This blog post explores key considerations and features that empty nesters should keep in mind while searching for their ideal vehicle, one that perfectly aligns with their lifestyle and preferences.

**1. Embrace Versatility and Practicality:** With children no longer in the picture, empty nesters have the freedom to prioritize versatility and practicality in their vehicle choices. Consider a car that offers ample cargo space for hobbies, travels, or any new ventures you wish to explore. Opt for flexible seating configurations to accommodate different needs, whether it's carrying groceries or enjoying a weekend getaway with friends. Versatility ensures that your vehicle adapts seamlessly to your evolving lifestyle.

**2. Comfort and Conve-**

**nience:** As empty nesters embark on this new phase of life, it's essential to prioritize comfort and convenience. Look for cars with supportive and adjustable seating options, including lumbar support, memory functions, and heated seats. Advanced features like keyless entry, adaptive cruise control, and hands-free liftgates enhance the convenience factor and make daily life hassle-free.

**3. Safety and Peace of Mind:** Safety is paramount for empty nesters. Prioritize vehicles equipped with advanced safety features such as forward collision warning, blind-spot monitoring, lane departure warning, and automatic emergency braking. These features provide an extra layer of protection and peace of mind, particularly during long trips or when navigating unfamiliar roads. Additionally, consider vehicles with excellent crash-test ratings and a solid reputation for reliability.

**4. Embrace Technology:** Today's cars offer a wealth of technology

features that can greatly enhance the driving experience for empty nesters. Look for vehicles with user-friendly infotainment systems, including smartphone integration, navigation, and voice commands. Advanced driver-assistance systems such as parking sensors and rear-view cameras make maneuvering and parking effortless. Additionally, consider vehicles with innovative connectivity options, like Wi-Fi hotspot capability and wireless charging, to keep you connected on the go.

**5. Fuel Efficiency and Sustainability:** As empty nesters, many individuals embrace a greener and more sustainable lifestyle. Choosing a fuel-efficient or hybrid vehicle can help reduce carbon emissions while also offering long-term cost savings. Electric vehicles (EVs) are also gaining popularity, providing an eco-friendly and efficient mode of transportation. Evaluate your driving habits and explore the growing range of environ-



mentally friendly options to find a car that aligns with your sustainability goals.

Finding the perfect car for empty nesters is an exciting opportunity to ex-

plore options that cater to your evolving needs and desires. Prioritizing versatility, comfort, safety, technology, and sustainability ensures a well-rounded

choice. Embrace the freedom to select a vehicle that enhances your lifestyle and allows you to embark on new adventures in this exciting chapter of life.

## Summer Vehicle Maintenance Checklist: What You Need to Know

The arrival of summer calls for exciting road trips and memorable adventures. However, before embarking on your journey, it's crucial to prioritize vehicle maintenance to ensure a smooth and trouble-free experience. In this comprehensive article, we present you with a detailed summer vehicle maintenance checklist that covers essential areas to keep your vehicle running flawlessly throughout the season.

**Check Your Fluids:** Fluids are the lifeblood of your vehicle, playing a crucial role in its proper functioning. Regularly inspect and maintain the following fluids:

**1. Engine Oil:** Check the oil level and condition regularly, ensuring it is at the recommended level and appears clean. Change the oil as per the manufacturer's guidelines.

**2. Coolant:** Inspect the

coolant level and ensure it's within the designated range. Check for any signs of leaks or coolant discoloration, as this may indicate a potential issue.

**3. Brake Fluid:** Verify the brake fluid level and its clarity. If the fluid appears dark or contaminated, it's advisable to have it flushed and replaced by a professional.

**4. Power Steering Fluid:** Ensure the power steering fluid is at the appropriate level for smooth steering operation. If you notice any unusual noises or difficulty in steering, consult a mechanic for further inspection.

**5. Transmission Fluid:** Inspect the transmission fluid level and condition. Follow the manufacturer's guidelines on when to change the transmission fluid, as it varies based on the vehicle's make and model.

**Check Your Belts and Hoses:** Belts and hoses

play a vital role in the proper functioning of various components within your vehicle. Regularly examine the following:

**1. Drive Belts:** Inspect the condition of the drive belts, such as the serpentine belt. Look for signs of cracks, fraying, or excessive wear. Replace worn-out belts promptly to avoid potential breakdowns.

**2. Radiator Hoses:** Check the radiator hoses for any bulges, leaks, or soft spots. A damaged radiator hose can lead to coolant leaks and overheating, so immediate replacement is necessary if any issues are detected.

**Check Your Brakes:** Maintaining a properly functioning braking system is crucial for your safety on the road. Pay attention to the following aspects:

**1. Brake Pads and Rotors:** Regularly inspect the brake pads for wear.

If the pads appear thin or show signs of uneven wear, it's recommended to have them replaced. Additionally, check the condition of the brake rotors for any scoring or warping.

**2. Brake Fluid:** Verify the brake fluid level and top it up if needed. Brake fluid should be transparent and free from contamination. If the fluid appears dirty or discolored, it may be necessary to have a brake fluid flush performed by a professional.

**Check Your Air Conditioning:** Summer heat demands a functional and efficient air conditioning system in your vehicle. Consider the following steps to ensure optimal performance:

**1. Air Conditioning Output:** Test the air conditioning system to ensure it's providing adequate cooling. If you notice weak airflow or warm air, have a professional diag-

nose and address any potential issues.

**2. Refrigerant Levels:** If your air conditioning system isn't cooling properly, low refrigerant levels might be the cause. In such cases, it's advisable to have the system inspected and recharged by a qualified technician.

**Check Your Wipers:** Sudden summer storms require reliable wipers for clear visibility. Pay attention to the following:

**1. Wiper Blade Condition:** Inspect the condition of the wiper blades, checking for any signs of deterioration, such as streaking or smearing. If the blades show signs of wear or are ineffective in clearing the windshield, replace them promptly.

By diligently following this comprehensive summer vehicle maintenance checklist, you can ensure your vehicle remains in optimal condition throughout the season.

# Planning Your Road Trip: Top Tips for a Smooth Journey

The allure of the open road, the freedom to stop at will, the joy of discovering unexpected gems along the way – there's truly nothing like a road trip. However, a successful journey requires thorough planning. Whether you're a seasoned traveler or embarking on your first long-distance drive, these tips will help you plan a safe and memorable road trip.

**1. Choosing Your Route:** A well-planned route can make your trip

significantly more enjoyable. Use online map services like Google Maps to plan your itinerary. Consider the distance, driving time, road conditions, and attractions you want to visit. Remember, the journey is just as important as the destination, so don't hesitate to include scenic detours or lesser-known paths.

**2. Packing Essentials:** Besides your luggage, pack a road trip survival kit. This should include a first-aid

kit, spare tire, jumper cables, flashlight, multi-tool, water, and non-perishable snacks. For comfort, consider bringing pillows and blankets. Don't forget chargers for your devices, and if you're traveling with kids, pack enough games and activities to keep them entertained.

**3. Staying Entertained:** Speaking of entertainment, a great road trip playlist is a must-have. Apps like Spotify let you create your own playlists or listen to curated

ones. Audiobooks and podcasts can also make long drives more enjoyable. For families, consider traditional car games that require minimal equipment, like "I Spy" or "20 Questions."

**4. Finding Accommodation:** Plan your overnight stops ahead of time. Websites like <http://booking.com>, Airbnb, and Expedia provide a wide range of options from hotels to bed and breakfasts. For a more adventurous experience, consider camping. Apps

like Campendium and The Dyrty can help you find the best campsites.

**5. Apps and Tools for Road Trips:** Technology can be a massive help when planning and executing your road trip. Here are a few recommended apps:

- Waze: This community-based app provides real-time traffic updates and road information.

- GasBuddy: Helps you find the cheapest gas stations along your route.

- Roadtrippers: Allows

you to plan your route and find attractions, restaurants, and hotels along the way.

- iExit: This app tells you what services are available at upcoming exits – very useful on long highway stretches.

Remember, preparation is key to a successful road trip. Taking the time to plan will not only help you avoid potential setbacks but also enhance your journey, turning it into a memorable adventure. Safe travels!

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