

Student Worksheet

FAST CAR

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Level: Adult Intermediate and above

You got a fast car
I want a ticket to _____
Maybe we make a deal
Maybe together we can get somewhere
Anyplace is _____
Starting from zero got nothing to lose
Maybe we'll make _____
But me myself I got nothing to prove
You got a fast car
And I got a plan to get us out of here
I been working in the convenience store
Managed to save just a little _____
We won't have to drive too far
Just 'cross the border and into _____
You and I can both get _____
And finally see what it means to be living
You see my old man's got a _____
He live with the bottle that's the way it is
He says his body's too old for _____
I say his body's too young to look like his
My mama went off and _____ him
She wanted more from life than he could give
I said somebody's got to _____ of him
So I quit school and that's what I did
You got a fast car
But is it fast enough so we can _____
We gotta make a decision
We leave tonight or live and die this way
I remember we were driving, driving in your car
The speed so fast I felt like I was drunk
City lights lay out _____ us
And your arm felt nice wrapped 'round _____
And I had a feeling that I belonged

And I had feeling I could be someone, be someone..

You got a fast car

And we go cruising to entertain ourselves

You still ain't got a _____

And I work in a market as a checkout girl

I know things will _____

You'll find work and I'll get promoted

Well move out of the shelter

Buy a _____ and live in the suburbs

You got a fast car

And I got a job that pays all our bills

You stay out drinking late at the bar

See more your friends than you do of your _____

I'd always hoped for better

Thought maybe together you and me would find it

I got no plans I ain't going _____

So take your fast car and keep on driving

You got a fast car

But is it fast enough so _____ can fly away

You gotta make a decision

You leave tonight or live and die _____

I Read these statements and decide whether they are *true* or *false*:

1. It was the girl who provided the money for the trip _____
2. They wanted to leave the city _____
3. Her father was a drug addict _____
4. She left school so that she could take care of her father _____
5. It was her idea to leave home _____
6. Things got better after they had moved into the city _____
7. They lived in the shelter _____
8. They bought a big house and lived in the suburbs _____
9. Her husband had a good job _____
10. They had one child _____
11. They decided to leave the city together _____

II

1. Can you find the lines which suggest that the girl had the same expectations as her mother did?
2. In what ways were their life stories similar?

III

Make notes about the most important events and facts in the woman's life, and then try to tell your partner the story about her life.

IV

Work in pairs, try to think of several pieces of advice you could give this woman. Start like this:

You should...

You ought to...

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