Conversation

Anna: Hi, Pete. What are you doing?

Pete: Oh! Hi, Anna. Right now, I am fixing my car.

Anna: How's it going?

Pete: It's going ... not so good.

Anna: How can I help? I was planning to visit some friends. But if you need help, I can help. I like helping.

Pete: Anna, I can fix it myself. But thanks.

Anna: Pete, I think I found your problem. These are **spark plugs**. (holds them up)

Anna: They start the engine.

Pete: I know that, Anna. But there were too many spark plugs ... in there. So I took out the extra ones.

Anna: There are no extras, Pete. You need all of them. Pete, *can* you fix a car yourself?

Pete: Well, Anna, last night I was watching the online **video course**, "You CAN Fix a Car Yourself!"

Dan: Yes, you CAN fix your car yourself!

Pete: And I watched the first 10 lessons. So, I think I know what I'm doing. Anna: How many lessons are there?

Pete: Four hundred and fifty.

Anna: 450! That'll take too long! If I fix your car, I'll have it running in 10 to 15 minutes.

Anna: Where're your tools?

Pete: I have this. (puts a useless tool in her hand). And this. (hands her another useless tool)

Anna: Great. Um, I'll get my tools. I'll be back in a **flash**!

Pete: But, Anna, I don't need your ...

(She goes and quickly comes back with tools.)

Pete: ... help.

Anna: Pete, when I was a teenager, I was fixing cars -- myself. I learned from a **master**.

Anna: You can trust me.

Pete: Okay.

Anna: Great! But we need teamwork. You sit in the car. When I say "go," you start the engine.

Anna: Okay, go!

Anna: Stop!

Anna: Okay, go! Huh.

Pete: It's not starting! It's not starting!

Anna: What's wrong?

Pete: This car is **stupid** ... stupid, stupid!

Anna: Pete, kicking the **tires** will not help.

Pete: Well, you did not help, Anna. You did not help!!

Anna: Pete, Pete! Pull yourself together, man. Give me the **keys**. I must feel the key in the **ignition** and turn it myself.

Master: Use the key, Anna. Turn the key, Anna. What are you forgetting, Anna?

Anna: Pete. Pete.

Pete: What?

Anna: You are out of gas.

Pete: I can't be out of gas. *(looks at gauge)* I'm out of gas. Sorry, Anna. I'll go get some.

Anna: Pete. You relax. Clean your **face**. You can watch the rest of your online video course. It'll be faster if I go ... in a flash. Until next time ... Dan (in the online video course): "Lesson 11. Always make sure you have a full tank of gas!"