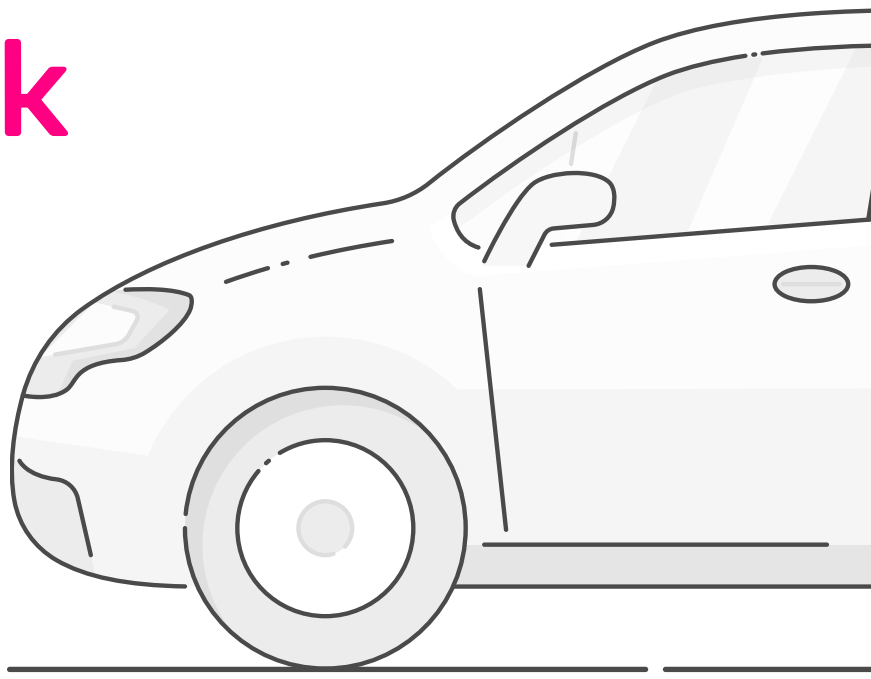
Questions to Ask When Buying a Used Car



Snap a screenshot or print out this form to take notes and make an informed decision when you go used car shopping.

Vehicle background

- ☐ What's the vehicle's history?
- ☐ How many previous owners has the car had?
- ☐ Can you provide a Carfax or similar vehicle history report?
- ☐ Has the car been in any accidents, or had any major repairs??

Current condition & usage

- ☐ How old is the car, and what's the current mileage?
- ☐ Can I see the maintenance records?
- ☐ Can I take the car for a test drive?
  Notes on test drive:
- ☐ Can I have the car inspected by an independent mechanic?

Financial factors

- ☐ Why are you selling the car?
- ☐ Is the car under warranty, and is it transferrable?
- ☐ What's the asking price?
- ☐ Are there any outstanding loans or liens on the car?

Notes