

AUTOMOBILE NAMES

No matter where you live or travel, you will see 100's of models of cars, many of which have interesting names.
See how many you can find.

Your name _____

Teacher _____



Cabriolet

Why do you think the cars whose names are defined below were given their names and do you think they were “christened” properly? Explain your answers below and on the following page. In the definitions, the automobile companies are in parentheses and the definition of the vehicles’ names follow. Answers to questions are on page 4. What other vehicles can you find when you’re out and about that have interesting names? Use another sheet of paper for these answers.

1. (Audi, Mercedes, Volkswagon and Peugeot) **Cabriolet** — cabriolet (n): A vehicle with a top that folds back, a convertible. What was an original cabriolet?
2. (Chevy) **Caprice**— caprice (n): An abrupt change in feeling, opinion or action, resulting from some whim or fancy; a fantastic notion
3. (Chevy) **Cavalier** — cavalier (adj): Suave; polished in manners, carefree and gay; marked by disregard of others’ rights, feelings or interests. In days of old, knights were cavalier. I don’t like his cavalier attitude; he doesn’t care at all about what I want to do.
4. (GMC) **Envoy** — envoy (n): A representative of a government who is sent on a special diplomatic mission or is assigned to a foreign embassy, ranking next below the ambassador; a messenger. Benjamin Franklin was an envoy to France in 1780-81 to seek help from the French in the Americans’ war against England.
5. (Dodge) **Intrepid** — intrepid (adj): Fearless, bold, courageous, brave
6. (Oldsmobile) **Intrigue** — intrigue (n): A plot to gain a desired end; a secret and illicit affair; (v) to arouse interest and curiosity
7. (Subaru) **Legacy** — legacy (n): Money or property bequeathed to another by will; something handed down from an ancestor or a predecessor or from the past. I received a legacy of expert cooking knowledge from my grandmother.
8. (Honda) **Odyssey** — odyssey (n): A long, wandering travel, from the ten-year-long voyage Odysseus (Ulysses) took from the end of the Trojan War until he returned home to Ithaca; an intellectual or spiritual quest

YOUR ANSWERS TO AUTOMOBILE QUESTIONS

Do you think each of these is a good name? Circle yes or no and explain your choice.

1. **Cabriolet**: yes no: _____

2. **Caprice**: yes no: _____

3. **Cavalier**: yes no: _____

Do you think women today want men to have **cavalier manners**? Explain your answer. _____

4. Envoy: yes no: _____

5. Intrepid: yes no _____

6. Intrigue: yes no _____

7. Legacy: yes no _____

DESCRIBE OTHER AUTOMOBILE NAMES HERE

ANSWERS TO AUTOMOBILE QUESTIONS

Yes and No answers will vary and would make for good classroom discussions.

1. Cabriolet: A small two-wheeled horse-drawn carriage, with two seats and a folding hood. These vehicles are still used today by many of the Amish and Mennonite people. The automobiles that were made in the early 1900s looked very much like the horse-drawn carriage and were often called “horseless carriages.”

3. Cavalier: Some women may wish to be treated in a cavalier way, but most probably do not.