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'What car do I need?' checklist

- What are my essential requirements?** Fuel efficiency or enough room for all the family?
- Do I need the car to do anything specific?** This could include towing a trailer or fitting into a small space.
- Is it for short city drives or longer journeys?** Does it need to be able to cruise at motorway speeds without straining?
- Do I need a massive boot?** Consider whether you need room for things such as sports equipment or a pushchair – or if you need to fit friendly Fido or your meddling mother-in-law.
- Do I prefer petrol or diesel?** The fuel you want to use can make a big difference in the model you might choose.
- Do I want to consider an eco-friendly car?** If so, a hybrid or electric car could be an option.