

# High Gas Prices

## Pre-reading

### Questions:

- What do you think of when you read the title and look at the picture?

### Definitions:

- Gauge – an instrument used for measuring the amount of something
- Carpool – an arrangement by a group of car owners in which members of the group take turns driving each other to work or school

## Reading

16 Don's gas gauge is almost on empty. He needs to fill his tank. He drives his car to the  
33 gas station. The sign says \$1.99 a gallon. These high gas prices are hard on Don's  
44 wallet. Much of his money is spent on gas.  
60 The high price of gas causes him to have less money for other things. He has less money  
75 for food and clothes. He has less money for renting movies and going out to eat. Don is  
87 trying to watch his spending more closely.  
102 He is trying to conserve gas. He tries to carpool with others to work. He waits to go  
118 shopping until he has a long list of items on his shopping list.  
136 Don is trying to use his car less. He is riding his bike more. He is also doing more  
151 walking. The higher gas prices may hurt Don's wallet, but they are good for his health!  
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## Understanding

1. Why does Don need to fill his car's gas tank? \_\_\_\_\_

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2. Why does Don have less money for food and clothes? \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. What does the word **conserve** mean? \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. How is Don driving less? (List at least two ways.) \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. How has the higher price of gas helped Don? \_\_\_\_\_  
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## **Writing**

Choice A: Retell the story in your own words.

Choice B: How does the price of gas affect you?

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