

Five-Minute One-Acts

The Car

Cast: Jon, Jimmy

Setting: Jon and Jimmy's driveway

Props: Set of car keys, wallet, gas can

- 1 JON: *(Trying to start the car)* Come on, start. Come on. I'm
2 begging you, just start.
- 3 JIMMY: *(Who has been watching JON try to start the car)* Just
4 what do you think you are doing?
- 5 JON: Going to a party at David's.
- 6 JIMMY: And how do you think you are getting there?
- 7 JON: Well, Jimmy, by the looks of it, I would guess that I am
8 taking your car.
- 9 JIMMY: Jon, I don't know whether or not you noticed this,
10 but in your rush to leave, you forgot to do one small
11 thing.
- 12 JON: What? *(He tries the ignition again, which still won't start*
13 *the engine.)* I cannot believe this. Did you put gas in the
14 car today?
- 15 JIMMY: No. I didn't know that it needed gas. When I used it
16 yesterday, it had half a tank.
- 17 JON: Oh, well, I guess I ran it down last night. Got any
18 money?
- 19 JIMMY: As I was saying, in your rush to leave for your little
20 social engagement, perhaps you forgot to ask me if you
21 could use my car.
- 22 JON: You weren't around.
- 23 JIMMY: *(Reaching in, pulling JON out of the car)* Well, I'm
24 here now, moron. Get out of the stinkin' car.
- 25 JON: What? What's the problem?

1 **JIMMY:** I can't believe you. *(He throws Jon to one side, and*
2 *proceeds to shove him on every point.)* First you take my
3 car last night. Then you run out the gas to fumes. Then
4 you take it tonight. Without asking! And now, you want
5 money for gas.
6 **JON:** What!?! What's wrong?
7 **JIMMY:** *(Grabbing the keys from JON)* It's my car, it's my gas,
8 and it's my money.
9 **JON:** *(Grabbing the keys back)* And I'm your brother.
10 **JIMMY:** Accident of birth. *(He takes the keys from JON's*
11 *hand.)*
12 **JON:** So, you won't let me use the car?
13 **JIMMY:** You don't miss a trick, do you? *(He begins to leave as*
14 *JON tries to ask again.)* Give it up, little brother.
15 **JON:** You are so selfish and inconsiderate. I'd let you use it
16 if it were my car.
17 **JIMMY:** The day you get a job and actually use your own
18 money to pay for something, we'll talk. Until then, keep
19 your greedy little hands off of my stuff. Now, get out of
20 my way, you little loser.
21 **JON:** *(Watching for a moment, makes sure he is gone)* And he
22 calls me a moron. *(He looks at Jimmy's wallet that he*
23 *took when he grabbed his brother and counts the*
24 *money.)* Ha, ha, yes indeedy. *(He goes to the bumper of*
25 *the car and gets spare key.)* Yes sirree bob. *(He puts in one*
26 *gallon of lawnmower gas.)* This should do it. *(Turns the*
27 *ignition, smiles as car starts.)* Yes, it's a good life!!

The Cast List

Cast: Jon, Matt

Setting: School hallway, there is a list posted on the wall.

1 **JON:** Matt, come on, it's up.
2 **MATT:** What, you couldn't wait until I parked the car?
3 **JON:** Maybe if you didn't drive like my grandmother I
4 wouldn't have had to jump out of a rolling car.
5 **MATT:** Safety first.
6 **JON:** I swear, you are an old man.
7 **MATT:** Yeah, great. *(He looks over to the posted cast list.)* OK,
8 ready?
9 **JON:** Yes. To be honest, though, I don't even have to look. I
10 know I made the play.
11 **MATT:** You are such a jerk.
12 **JON:** Confident.
13 **MATT:** Jerk. I don't know why you have to be such a fool. If
14 you made it and I didn't, you better keep your mouth
15 shut about it.
16 **JON:** Ha! I've been waiting for a long time to be in a play.
17 This is a long time coming. I even quit football so I
18 could try out.
19 **MATT:** You know, it's not that easy to make the plays here.
20 **JON:** So?
21 **MATT:** And you really didn't prepare your audition piece.
22 **JON:** So?
23 **MATT:** And the director knew it.
24 **JON:** So? She also knows that I'm talented. That alone
25 should get me in.
26 **MATT:** I guess so. OK, let's look.
27 **JON:** OK. *(They walk over together, see it. Both are silent for a*
28 *moment.)* Huh.
29 **MATT:** Huh.