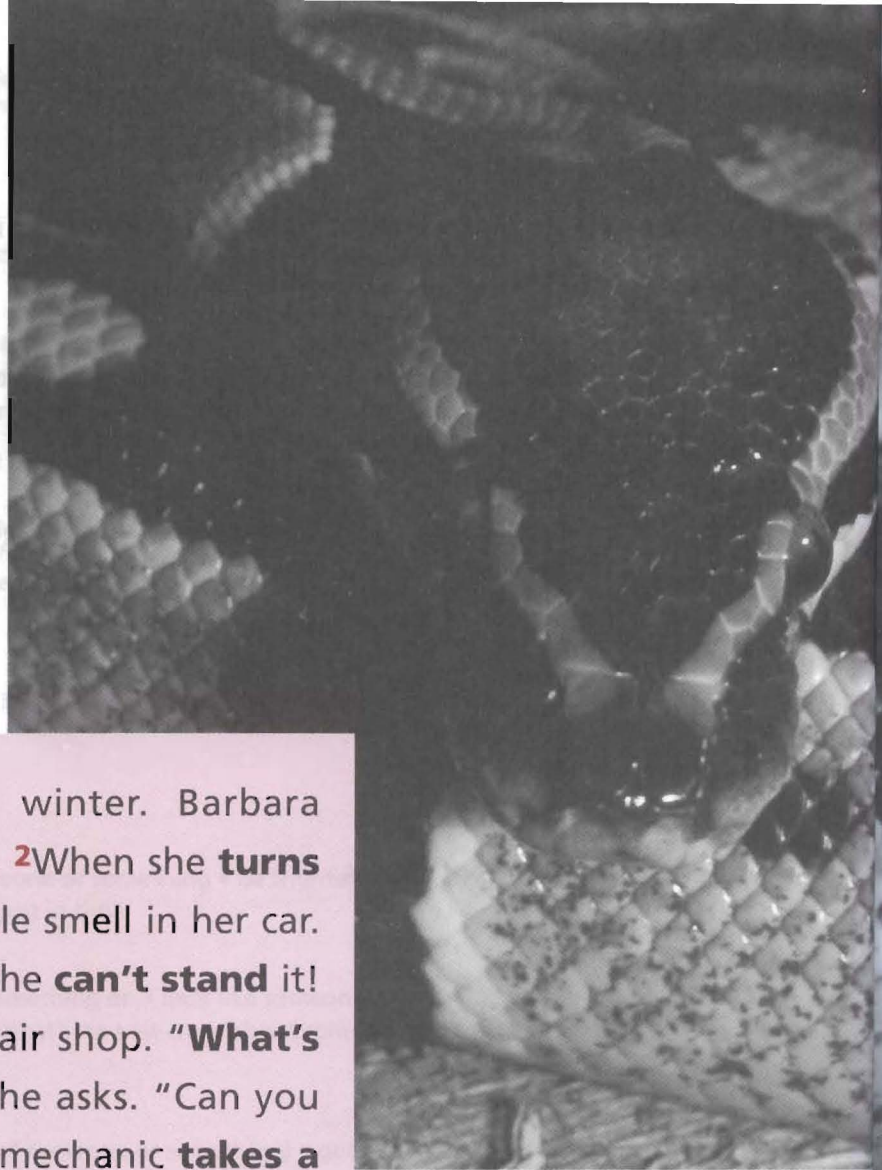


Please Get Rid of that Smell!



1. Quick Reading

Look at the pictures on page 3.
What is the story about?

Now read quickly to get the main idea.

BALTIMORE, MD, USA ¹It's winter. Barbara Pridgen, 43, is driving her car. ²When she **turns on** the heater, there's a terrible smell in her car. ³It **gets worse and worse**. She **can't stand** it! ⁴She takes the car to the repair shop. "**What's the matter with** my car?" she asks. "Can you **get rid of** this smell?" ⁵The mechanic **takes a look at** the engine. He examines the heating system. ⁶Then Barbara screams. She **loses it**. The mechanic pulls out a big, fat, dead python!

New idioms and expressions

get rid of something*	remove something
turn something on*	start a machine or the flow of electricity, water, etc.
get worse and worse	become very bad
can't stand something	dislike something very much
What's the matter (with something or someone)? ..	What's wrong (with something or someone)?
take a look (at something)	look quickly (at something)
lose it	become too excited; lose one's self-control

Words in parentheses () can occur with the idiom, but don't have to.

*phrasal verb (see Lexicon, pp. 91–113 and Appendix D, pp. 87–90)