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Chapter 27: Transportation Options—Glossary

aerodynamics. The way air moves around objects.

aeronautics. The art or science of flight.

assembly line. A line of machines, equipment, and workers in a factory that builds a product by passing work from one station to the next until the product is finished.

buoyant. Ability to float.

certified pre-owned cars. Late-model used vehicles (usually less than five years old) that the manufacturers put through a demanding inspection and repair process.

cosigner. A person named as a partner on a loan who is legally bound to repay it if the other signer does not make payments.

credit report. A detailed report of an individual's credit history prepared by a credit bureau and used by lenders to determine a loan applicant's ability to repay the loan.

internal combustion engine. Machine creating power by the burning of a fuel (usually a fossil fuel) when exposed to air in an internal chamber.

leasing. Renting.

motor scooters. Low-powered two-wheeled vehicles similar to a motorcycle.

NASA. National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

options. Additional features that may be added to a vehicle for appearance, safety, performance, or convenience.

personal transportation. Privately owned modes of transportation, such as a car, motorcycle, bicycle, or scooter.

public transportation. Transportation using regular routes at fixed times to transport many people. Also called *mass transit*.

transcontinental railroad. Railway spanning from one country to another.

vehicle identification number (VIN). A unique number the automobile industry assigns to each vehicle.