

B² Idling Survey for Parents

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B. It’s better to turn off and restart

The answer is B. Idling for just 30 seconds uses more gas than restarting your engine. So if you’re waiting for even a few minutes, it’s better to turn it off and restart it later.

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4. Idling may damage your engine over time. True or False?

The answer is True. Idling may cause certain engine parts to wear out faster. Idling in cold weather is even worse for the engine.

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5. Will you pledge to reduce your idling on school grounds and elsewhere in your daily driving?

Yes No

If “yes”, give reward item or say “thank you.”

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