KIA K5 MIDSIZE SEDAN AND SORENTO SUV NAMED AMONG THE “BEST NEW CARS FOR 2021” BY AUTOTRADER

The Popular 2021 Kia K5 Midsize Sedan and Sorento SUV Singled Out for Winning Combination of Value, Available Technology and Dynamic Driving Experience

- All-new K5 lauded for roomy, high-tech interior, sharp handling and fresh new look
- Redesigned Sorento chosen for luxury options and fun-to-drive capability

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