

TIRES

15.1. Vocabulary

Ex. 1. Match the words to their definitions.

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| 1. crank | a. a rubber covering that fits around the rim of a wheel and provides traction for a vehicle. |
| 2. lower | b. to move something down or reduce its height. |
| 3. flat tire | c. when a tire has lost all or most of its air pressure, making it difficult or impossible to drive on. |
| 4. jack | d. a decorative cover placed over the center of a car's wheel. |
| 5. tire | e. a tool used to remove or tighten lug nuts on car tires. |
| 6. tighten | f. a device used to lift heavy objects, such as a car, off the ground. |
| 7. lug nut | g. long screws used to attach a wheel to a vehicle. |
| 8. loosen | h. to make something less tight or secure. |
| 9. lug bolts | i. to start an engine by turning a handle or key. |
| 10. hubcap | j. a fastener used to hold a wheel onto a vehicle. |
| 11. jack up | k. to prevent something from moving or functioning properly. |

12. lug wrench

l. to make something more tight or secure.

13. block

m. to raise something using a jack.

Ex. 2. Complete the sentences with the given words:

block, jack (2), loosen, crank, lower, up, nuts, flat, hubcap, lug, tires, tighten, wrench

I can't start my car, I need to _____(1) the engine. Make sure to _____(2) the _____(3) bolts on your tires before driving.

Don't forget to _____(4) the wheels when changing a tire.

The _____(5) on this wheel is loose and needs to be secured.

Please help me _____(6) _____(7) the car so I can change the tire.

My car came with a compact _____(8) for emergency situations.

Remember to tighten the lug _____(9) evenly for a secure fit on the tire.

We need to _____(10) the car slowly and carefully after changing the tire.

Make sure to use a lug _____(11) to remove the tire from the wheel.

Before removing the tires, always _____(12) the lug nuts first.

I had to pull over because of a _____(13) tire on the highway.

It's important to regularly check the air pressure in your _____(14) to prevent any damage.

15.2. Reading

Ex. 1. Read the text.

If you have a flat tire, don't worry. It's easy to change it.

1. Park on a flat surface. Turn off the engine and put the car in park (P). Block the wheel that is opposite the flat tire.

2. Take the jack, lug wrench, and spare tire out of the trunk. The jack goes under the car, near the flat tire. There is a special place for it.

3. Crank up the jack until the tire is about 15 cm off the ground. Don't lift the car any higher.
4. Use the lug wrench to loosen the lug nuts. Do not remove them yet.
5. Carefully take off the hubcap. Put it somewhere safe so it doesn't roll away.
6. Remove the lug nuts and put them in a safe place. Then take off the flat tire.
7. Put the spare tire on the car. Put the lug nuts back on, but don't tighten them yet.
8. Lower the car until the spare tire touches the ground. But don't lower it all the way.
9. Tighten the lug nuts as much as you can.
10. Jack up the car again. Remove the jack and lower the car to the ground.
11. Tighten the lug nuts one more time. Make sure they are very tight.
12. Put the flat tire, the jack, and the lug wrench back in the trunk. You're finished!

Now you can drive your car again. But be careful! The spare tire is only for emergencies. It is not as good as a regular tire. Go to a service station as soon as possible and get a new tire.

Ex. 2. *Which title fits best?*

1. The History and Evolution of Car Tires
2. What is the Most Difficult Part of Changing a Flat Tire?
3. How to Change a Flat Tire in 12 Easy Steps

Ex. 3. *Answer the questions.*

1. What should you do before changing a flat tire?
2. Where does the jack go when changing a flat tire?
3. How high should you crank up the jack?

4. When using the lug wrench, what should you do with the lug nuts?
5. Why should you remove the hubcap?
6. What should you do after removing the lug nuts?
7. Why shouldn't you tighten the lug nuts all the way when lowering the car?