

## Title: Cars

### Word Study

Fill in the blanks using the words.

package	midget	quarter	stretched	model
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1. It is very rude to call a person who is small a midget.
2. He stretched his sweater, hoping it would make it fit better.
3. I'm going to get the newest model of this phone tomorrow.
4. Has the mailman delivered my package yet?
5. She has only finished a quarter of the test so far.

## Reading Comprehension

### A. Circle T for true or F for false.

1. Henry Ford built and drove race cars. T / F
2. Bubble cars only had three wheels. T / F
3. Children as young as 5 race little cars. T / F
4. Race cars have special tires that can last for more than 600 miles. T / F
5. F1 cars are designed to go fast around corners. T / F

### B. Circle the correct word(s).

1. Ford was selling cars (faster / better) than he could make them.
2. There (are / are not) many countries in the world today that manufacture cars.
3. A stock car starts out as a (regular / special) car but is then changed for racing.
4. Race car drivers wear gloves, suits, and socks to protect them from (wrecking / fire).
5. Things like ABS brakes make driving (more fun / safer).

### C. Choose the best answer.

1. Why were all of Ford's first cars black?

- a. Because they were not painted
- b. Because that color dried faster
- c. Because people wanted that color
- d. Because there was no colored paint

2. What were cars in Germany and Italy like in the 1950s?

- a. They were big and colorful.
- b. They had large wings on them.
- c. They were small and cheap.
- d. They were fast but dangerous.

3. Why are midget cars dangerous?

- a. Because they are very fast but hard to control
- b. Because they are very old and hard to use
- c. Because they have to race against bigger cars
- d. Because they have a lot of power but don't weigh much

4. Formula One drivers have to \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. build their own cars
- b. follow special rules
- c. practice more than other racers
- d. drive cars with covered wheels

5. What is one idea that car makers have for cars of the future?

- a. A car with a GPS system
- b. A car with skin
- c. A car that doesn't need power
- d. A car that doesn't have any doors

## Summary

Fill in the blanks with the words.

bubble	manufacture	accident	formula	automobile
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It took Henry Ford three tries to open a successful automobile company. But he did, and he changed the world. By 1950, cars were everywhere. In America, cars were big. In Europe, they made bubble cars, which were small. Today we have all kinds of cars to do all kinds of things. Companies all over the world manufacture cars. Many people enjoy racing cars, just like Henry Ford. Midget cars are small cars people use to race. Children as young as 5 can race them. For adults there are stock cars and Formula One. These cars are very fast. Racing is dangerous. People have to wear a lot of equipment to be safe. All drivers must wear seatbelts in case they are in a(n) accident. Today's cars are better than ever. They have radios and GPS. However, car makers are still trying to make them better.