

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 _____.
2. He _____ his sweater, hoping it would make it fit better.
3. I'm going to get the newest _____ of this phone tomorrow.
4. Has the mailman delivered my _____ yet?
5. She has only finished a _____ 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 _____ company. But he did, and he changed the world. By 1950, cars were everywhere. In America, cars were big. In Europe, they made _____ cars, which were small. Today we have all kinds of cars to do all kinds of things. Companies all over the world _____ 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 _____. 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) _____. Today's cars are better than ever. They have radios and GPS. However, car makers are still trying to make them better.