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In the Garage

Garages are small buildings used to park or store automobiles. A garage can be a separate building or it can be attached to a house. Usually the garage is on one side of the house, but sometimes it is behind the house. Garages are used for many things in addition to storing automobiles. Some men have a work bench and tools in their garages where they go to repair broken items from the home, fix toys, build bird houses or avoid their wives. Other people store seasonal items in their garages: lawnmowers, rakes, sleds, wagons, bicycles, barbecue grills and so on. Some people store so many other things in their garage that there is no room for their car.

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This is a special can used for storing gasoline.	Work gloves are often kept in the garage.	This is a hacksaw and is used for cutting metal.	You can often find a hammer, nails and a tape measure in a garage.	People use a step ladder to reach high places for painting, changing light bulbs, etc.

Some garages are small, just large enough for one car with enough room on either side for the car doors to open. Other garages have enough room for two or three cars in them. Sometimes a garage will have a room or small apartment above the parking area. This extra living space can be used as an office, a workshop, a guest room or a bedroom for one of the children in the family. Older garages often had wide doors that swung open to the side or slid sideways on tracks to allow cars to get in or out. Most newer garages have overhead doors that lift up and slide back along metal guide rails. These overhead doors can be operated by muscle power or by electric motors. Many electric doors are raised or lowered by pushing a button on a little gadget that looks like a television remote control. These gadgets are called "garage door openers," of course.

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Lawnmowers are often stored in the garage when they are not being used.	This is a paint roller, used for spreading paint on flat surfaces.	Sam is sweeping the garage with a push broom.	Sally is painting the floor and herself.	A wood saw is used for cutting boards.

The little road that leads from the street to the garage is called a driveway. A driveway can be paved with concrete or macadam ("blacktop"), covered with gravel, or may just be a path worn through the grass. Finally, a "garage sale" is not an occasion for buying a garage at a low price. This is another term for a "yard sale" or a "porch sale," but which takes place in a garage, instead. A family tries to sell all of the old furniture, appliances, unwanted gifts, out-grown clothing and odds and ends that had been accumulating for years to some other family that doesn't have enough old stuff yet. This can also be called "redistribution of wealth" at the neighborhood level.

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Many mothers make their sons keep their skateboards in the garage.	Snow shovels and garden spades are often stored in the garage.	A staple gun uses spring power to drive staples into wood.	An open-end wrench is a useful tool for mechanics.	Thumbtacks are used to hold light items to wood or to bulletin boards.
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Expressions used in a garage:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Remember, Junior, wait until the door is all the way open before you back the car out." • "Open the garage door part way when you let the car warm up." • "The exhaust fumes will kill you if you don't have enough ventilation." • "Be careful that you don't bang the car door when you open it." • "Move Teddy's wagon out of the way so I can get the car in the garage." • "Don't spray paint your bicycle while the car is in the garage, Tom." • "Do you think there's room in the garage to store this roll of carpeting?" • "Hey Jane, do you remember where in the garage we put that box of Christmas lights?" • "Remember, Jim, every tool goes back in its proper place when you're finished with it." • "How can I tell where the proper place is, Dad?" • "The outline of each tool is painted right on the pegboard." • "Bobby! Chisels are not for digging in the dirt!" • "May I drive to the mall?" • "Park the car in the garage when you are finished washing it." 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Allison, put your bicycle in the garage before you come in for dinner." • "Son, will you hand me that socket wrench?" • "Don't forget to clean the grass out of the lawnmower before you put it in the garage." • "Lock the garage doors after you put the car in." • "Get me a can of motor oil from the shelf under the work bench." • "The car is dripping black greasy stuff on the garage floor." • "The rock salt for the driveway is in a big bag near the garage door." • "Don't stand in the doorway when the garage door is coming down." • "Fred, you're going to have to clear some of that junk out of the garage so I have room to put my car inside, too." • "Don't track that grease from the garage floor into the house, kids." • "One of these days, somebody is going to run over your bicycle if you continue laying it in the driveway." • "Crunch!" "Dad! You ran over my bike!" • "Help me stack those boxes in the corner so we have more room in here." 		
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Exercise A, Verbs used in the garage: Write a meaning that has something to do with a garage for each verb and use each verb in a sentence.

Verb	Meaning	Sentence
open, opens, opened, opening, opened		
kill, kills, killed, killing, killed		
bang, bangs, banged, banging, banged		
store, stores, stored, storing, stored		
dig, digs, dug, digging, dug		
paint, paints, painted, painting, painted		
hand, hands, handed, handing, handed		
drip, drips, dripped, dripping, dripped		

track, tracks, tracked, tracking, tracked		
run, runs, ran, running, run		
park, parks, parked, parking, parked		
clear, clears, cleared, clearing, cleared		
open, opens, opened, opening, opened		
stack, stacks, stacked, stacking, stacked		

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Exercise B, Nouns used in a garage: Write a meaning related to a garage after each noun in the list below.

Noun	Meaning	Noun	Meaning
garage		grease	
garage-door opener		wrench	
driveway		tools	
overhead door		pegboard	
rock salt		macadam	
wheelbarrow		exhaust	
motor oil		junk	
work bench		chisel	
vise		spade	
socket wrench		staple gun	
saw		jack	
car		automobile	
tires		patch kit	
spark plugs		parts	

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Exercise C: Fill the blanks in the following sentences with nouns from the list above. You might be able to use more than one noun in some of the blanks.

- Father put the family _____ in the _____ each night to protect it.
- My grandfather had many wood-working _____ on his _____ .
- John pulled up the _____ so his brother could back the _____ onto the _____.
- Anthony found the right-sized _____ on the _____ in the garage to fix the bicycle.
- The _____ from a running _____ can be dangerous.

6. When the _____ is icy, you should sprinkle _____ on it.
7. Many people keep the _____, the hoe, the _____ and the rake for working in the garden in the _____ during the winter.
8. "Be careful you don't spill the _____ when you put it in the car."
9. There is a black _____ spot where the car sits in the _____.
10. We keep extra _____, _____ and other _____ for the car in the garage.

Answers:

1. car (automobile), garage
2. tools, work bench
3. garage door, car, garage
4. wrench, pegboard (work bench)
5. exhaust, automobile (engine)
6. driveway, rock salt (sand)
7. wheelbarrow, spade (shovel), garage
8. motor oil
9. grease, garage
10. spark plugs, tires, parts