

# Tire Trouble

## Pre-reading



### Questions:

- What kind of trouble could you have with a tire?

### Definitions:

- Trouble – a problem; something that is difficult
- Spare – kept for use at a later time
- Wrench – a tool used to grip an object and to turn nuts and bolts
- Jack – a tool used to lift a heavy object
- Inflate – to fill with air

## Reading

15 Zach spent the weekend in the Twin Cities with friends. Now it is time to  
32 drive home. His friend says, “Zach, the back tire on the driver’s side of your car is  
low. Let’s look at it.”

37 They look at the tire. It is too low to be driven home. Zack needs to **replace**  
54 the low tire with the spare tire or put more air in the low tire. He opens the trunk.  
73 He sees the spare tire, but he does not see a wrench or a jack. Zack will not be able  
93 to replace the tire.

97 There is a gas station three blocks away. Zack drives there. He finds the air  
112 hose and inflates the tire with the air. He’s ready to go. On his way home, Zack will  
131 stop a few times to re-check the tire.

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## Understanding

1. Where did Zach spend the weekend? \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. Which tire is low? \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. What does the word **replace** mean? \_\_\_\_\_  
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4. What tools is Zach missing? \_\_\_\_\_  
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5. Where does Zach find air for his tire? \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Writing

Choice A: Retell the story in your own words.

Choice B: Have you ever had a low tire? If yes, when? What did you do?

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