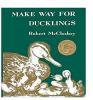


## Cars



Standards: ATL.RPS.PS.1-8 CA.VA.PS.1-5 ELA.RL.IKI.PS.1 S.PS.PS.2



#### **Materials:**

- Make Way For Ducklings
- Car Assembly Directions
- Wheel Template Resource, copied on cardboard or four washers 1.5 inches or larger
- Paper towel tube, cut in half
- Mini clothespins (8 per car)
- Skewers or thin dowels cut to 3.5 inches

### Vocabulary:

- bustling
- traffic
- diagram
- chassis
- axle
- tire
- bumpers
- lug nuts
- joints

**Preparation:** Gather materials.

#### **Intro to Centers:**

"In *Make Way For Ducklings*, Mr. and Mrs. Mallard looked for a safe place to live. What do you notice?"

"The city was **bustling**- very busy- with **traffic**. Officer Michael stopped the cars so they could cross the street."

"Here are images of cars and city *traffic*. What do you notice?"

"Cars have *bumpers*, lights, and *tires*. Here is a *diagram* of a *chassis*--underneath the car body. What do you notice?"

"Axles connect the wheels. Lug nuts and joints attach the wheels. Tires cover the wheels."

"Today in the Art Studio, you can create cars with these materials."

Show illustrations. Children respond

Show images.
Children respond.

Show diagram, pointing to the chassis parts.

Show materials.

#### **During Centers:**

Encourage children to collaborate. Encourage children to follow the visual instructions. Compare and contrast children's cars/chassis to the diagram/ illustrations/ images, etc. Encourage children to create descriptions/diagrams of their cars. Encourage children to use their cars in *Boston Public Garden*.

#### **Guiding Questions during Centers:**

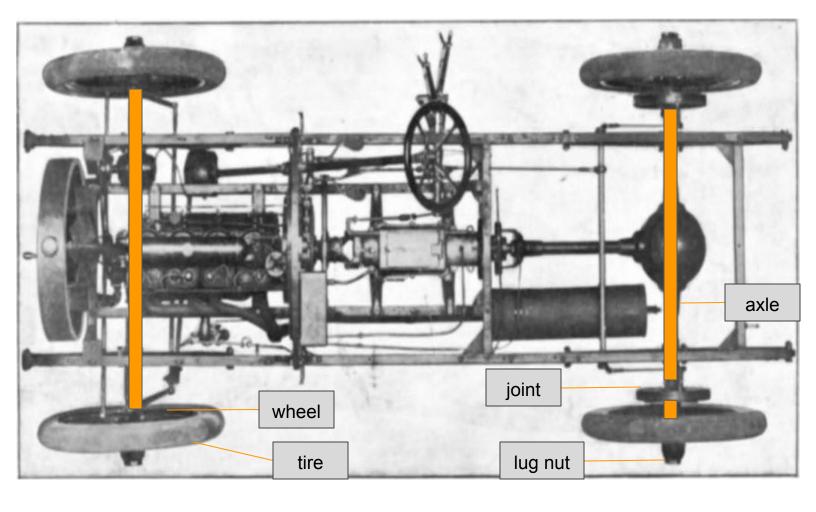
- How were the directions helpful in constructing your car?
- How else could you build a car? What materials would you need?
- Why is it important that the wheels of a car roll?
- What did you notice when you tried your car on the ramp?
- How will you add details to your car? What parts are you adding?
- How can you add a driver?

**Thinking & Feedback:** Invite children to share their processes. Encourage children to describe the challenges they might have encountered.

**Documentation:** Collect samples of the children's work as well as photographs and/or video of their process; use the documentation to launch a discussion during Thinking and Feedback.

#### **Provocation:**

Arrange and document a field trip to an auto body shop/ auto supply store/ car dealership. Invite a community/family member who is a mechanic, car salesperson, etc. to visit the classroom. Provide additional material for children to build different cars.



# car chassis



