



1. helmet ['hɛlmət]
2. saddle ['sædəl]
3. brake [breɪk]
4. handlebars ['hændl̩'bɑːz]
5. gear shift ['gɪə ʃɪft], gear lever ['gɪə li:və]
6. pump [pʌmp]
7. front light ['frʌnt laɪt]
8. crossbar ['krɒsbɑː]
9. frame [freɪm]
10. carrier ['kæriə] UK, rack [ræk] N. Am.
11. mudguard ['mʌdgɑːd], fender ['fendə] N. Am.
12. rear light ['riə laɪt]
13. kickstand ['kɪkstænd]
14. chain [tʃeɪn]
15. chain guard ['tʃeɪn gɑːd]
16. pedal ['pedəl]
17. wheel [wiːl]
18. valve ['vælv]
19. hub [hʌb]
20. spokes [spəʊks]
21. reflector [rɪ'flektə]
22. tyre ['taɪə]
23. lock [lɒk]
24. (inner) tube ['ɪnə tjuːb]

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## VOCABULARY

# At the bike repair shop

Spring is just around the corner: time to get your bike back on the road. ANNA HOCHSIEDER presents language to talk about repairing and caring for your bicycle.

**MEDIUM PLUS**

### Happy cycling!

Treat your bike to a professional spring **check-up**. At Happy Cycling, you can have your bicycle **serviced** for just £98. Here's our mechanic's to-do list:

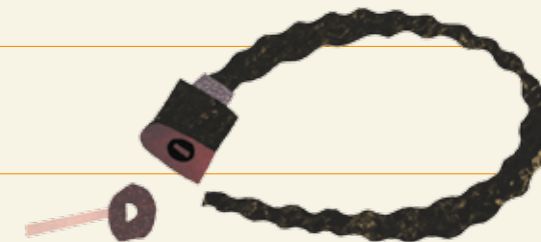
- **Clean** the **frame** and **remove** any **rust**. (If necessary, we'll **touch up** any spots with fresh paint.)
- **Check** the **tyres** for **cracks**.
- **Pump up** the tyres. (If you **have a flat tyre**, we'll **repair** the **puncture**.)
- **Grease** the **chain**, **wheels** and **pedals** with premium **bicycle oil**. (Of course we'll **degrease** everything first.)
- **Test** the **brakes** and **gear levers** and **adjust** them if necessary.
- **Inspect** the **brake pads**. (If they're **worn down**, we'll **replace** them.)
- **Spin** the wheels to make sure they go round straight, and replace broken, bent or missing **spokes**.
- **Tighten** any parts that have become **loose**.

Bring us your bike in the morning and pick it up again in the evening. Happy cycling!

Illustration: Martin Haake

## PRACTICE

Now try the following exercises to practise talking about bicycle care and repair.



### Exercise 1

E

Match the bicycle parts on the left to their definitions on the right.

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|---------------|--|
| A. handlebars | 1. the rubber ring around a bicycle wheel                                  |
| B. spokes     | 2. the seat on a bicycle   |
| C. tyre       | 3. the ring of connected metal parts that turns the rear wheel             |
| D. saddle     | 4. the lever you pull to slow down or stop                                 |
| E. chain      | 5. the thin metal parts connecting the centre of a wheel to its outer ring |
| F. brake      | 6. a metal bar with a handle at each end that you use for steering         |

### Exercise 2

M

Complete the sentences below with verbs from the text on the opposite page.

- Someone has stolen the front light of my bike. I'll have to ..... it.
- I ..... the tyres every morning, but they're always flat again in the evening.
- The saddle on my bike has become loose. Can you help me ..... it?
- Where's the bicycle oil? I need to ..... the chain.
- If you want to repaint your bike, you'll need to ..... the rust first.
- When I was a little boy, my father taught me how to ..... a puncture.

### Exercise 3

M

Safety first: complete the following cycling tips with words from the opposite page.

Always wear a(n) (A) ..... to avoid head injuries. Don't cycle at night if your (B) ..... or (C) ..... light is broken. Shift to a lower (D) ..... when cycling uphill. If you have to brake suddenly, be careful you don't fly over the (E) ..... Don't let anyone steal your bike: invest in a high-quality (F) .....

### have sth. done

If you're not good with your hands, you can **have your bicycle serviced** at a professional bicycle repair shop.

The structure **have + object + past participle** is used when you pay someone to do something for you. Compare:

- I repaired the puncture. (= I repaired it myself.)
- I had the puncture repaired. (= I paid someone to repair it for me.)

**brake pad** ['breɪk pæd] ▶ Bremsklotz

**service** ['sɜːvɪs] ▶ warten

**puncture** ['pʌŋktʃə] ▶ Loch im Reifen

**worn down** [wɔːn 'daʊn] ▶ abgenutzt



### Answers

1. A-6  
B-5  
C-1  
D-2  
E-3  
F-4
2. A. replace  
B. pump up  
C. tighten  
D. grease  
E. remove  
F. repair
3. A. helmet  
B. front  
C. rear  
D. gear  
E. handlebars  
F. lock