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.)
- **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!

### Exercise 1
Match the bicycle parts on the left to their definitions on the right.

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

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

### Vocabulary

**At the bike repair shop**

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

**PRACTICE**

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

#### Exercise 3
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**
- **front light**
- **puncture**
- **saddle**
- **tyre**
- **wheel**

#### Answers

A. A
B. B
C. C
D. D
E. E
F. F