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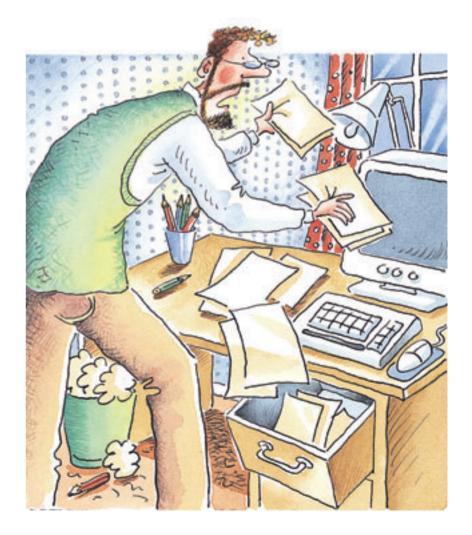
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"Too busy," said Dad.
"I'm looking for my cellphone."



"Too busy," said Donna.

"I'm looking for my game."





"Too busy," said David.

"I'm looking for my book."



"But the car is so untidy," said Mum.
"Help me! Help me!"

"But I've lost my book," said David.

"And I've lost my game," said Donna.

"And I've lost my cellphone," said Dad.

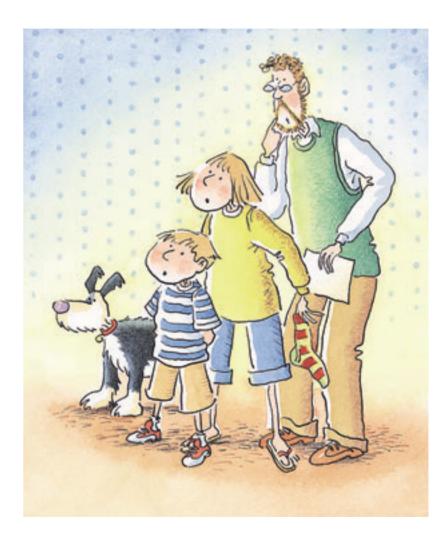


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"Listen, all of you!" shouted Mum.
"TODAY IS THE DAY
OF THE GREAT CAR CLEAN-OUT!
DAD, DONNA, DAVID –
YOU MUST ALL HELP ME!"



Everyone looked at Mum. She really meant it.

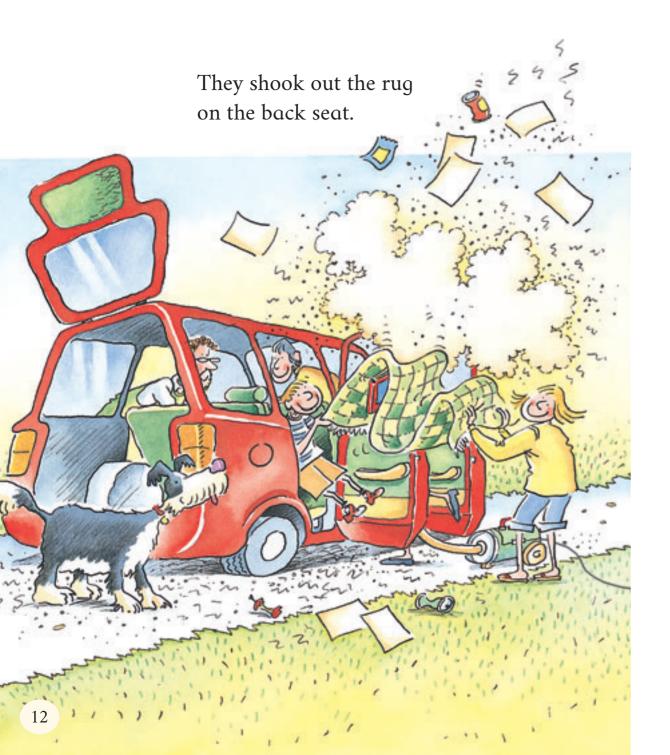


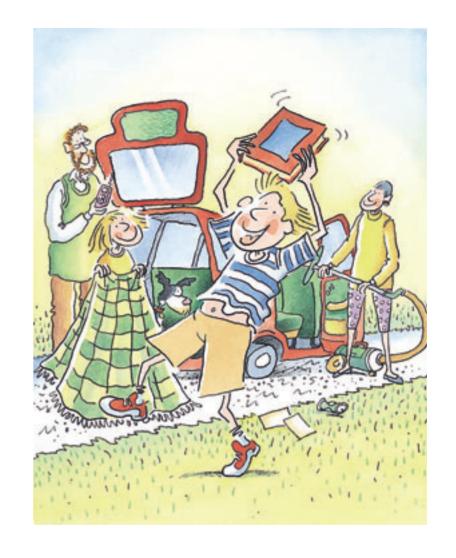
Dad, Donna, and David all started to help. They picked up paper from the floor of the car.





"Oh, look!" said Dad. "My phone! It was under the paper."





"Oh, look!" said David. "My book! It was tangled in the rug."

They swept under the front seats.





"Oh, look!" said Donna. "My game! It was under the seat."

"It was a good idea to have a great car clean-out," said Dad. "We should do this more often."

"Yeah, right," said Mum.





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