

WORD POWER®

Drive, They Said This month, Tom and Ray Magliozzi mark 20 fun-filled years as hosts of *Car Talk* on National Public Radio. For this quiz, we popped our own hood to find words with meanings inside and outside the garage. Turn the page for the answers to both our word games.

battery *n.*—A: output.
B: imposing group.
C: volatile mixture.
D: boundless energy.

stern opposition to.
C: swagger.
D: hollow out.

manifold *adj.*—
A: self-assured, confident.
B: not easily understood.
C: marked by variety.
D: indicating madness.



clutch *adj.*—A: sappy.
B: resourceful. C: made in a tense situation.
D: clumsy.

bearing *n.*—A: body of water. B: demeanor.
C: overwhelming confusion.
D: item of little value.

tread *v.*—A: to step, walk on.
B: abandon.
C: tear apart.
D: grab firmly.

gauge *v.*—
A: to claw at.

throttle *v.*—A: to burden. B: mark with spots. C: whip repeatedly. D: choke.

strut *v.*—A: to consider in detail. B: stand in

rack *v.*—
A: to stretch, strain.
B: spin, as with yarn.
C: lean forward.
D: commit a crime, usually fraud.

B: eat ravenously.
C: misunderstand.
D: measure precisely.

pinion *v.*—A: to promote. B: bypass. C: wish for. D: restrain.

Start Your Engines

Each of the clues below refers to a word that begins with the letters c-a-r. Can you find them all? No idling allowed.

vino vessel — — — — —
seed source — — — — —
round ride — — — — —
meat muncher — — — — —
crab cover — — — — —
antlered animal — — — — —
baseball bird — — — — —

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All Hail the Taxi

The English word *cab* comes from the French *cabriolet*, a "light, horse-drawn carriage" (also the name of a discontinued Volkswagen model). That comes from the French *cabrioler* ("to leap, caper"), which evolved from the Italian *capriolare* ("jump in the air"), a descendant of the Latin *capreolus* ("wild goat").



(Here are the [answers](#), but don't look until you're all finished!)