Garage and car wash: role-play set-up

Set it up, model a role for a few minutes, then step back

Put out


buckets of soapy water


sponges and cloths


an old tyre or wheel


toy tools


job sheets


a phone for bookings


play money


ride-on or toy cars

Roles to try

Mechanic, car washer, customer, receptionist, tow-truck driver

Words to model

tyre, engine, wash, rinse, dry, fix, check, ready, booking, wheel, bonnet or hood

Questions to ask

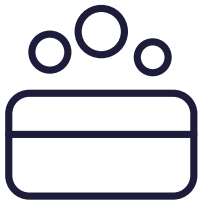
What is wrong with your car? How long will it take? How much will it cost? Which part needs fixing?

Small world

Small-world version: masking-tape roads on the floor or a big tray, blocks for buildings, the traffic lights and crossing word cards as signs, and toy vehicles.

Safety

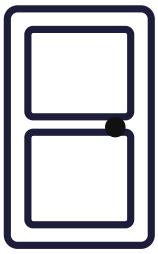
Wet play outside on a non-slip surface; mop spills straight away. Check toy tools for loose small parts.



Car wash



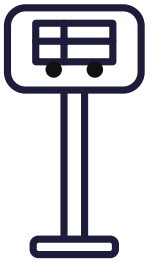
Garage



Open



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Bus stop



Parking