

PARTS OF A VEHICLE

Cars and other vehicles are made up of lots of parts. There are parts on the **outside**, or the **exterior**, and parts on the **inside**, or the **interior**.

EXTERIOR

The **axles** connect two wheels and spin, causing the wheels to turn.

The **body** is the outside shape of a vehicle.

Bumpers cushion the front and back of the vehicle.

Doors open and close to let people get in and out.

Headlights help the driver see in the dark or bad weather.

Tailights help other drivers see when the vehicle is slowing down, turning, or backing up.

The **hood** can be opened to take care of the engine and other parts.

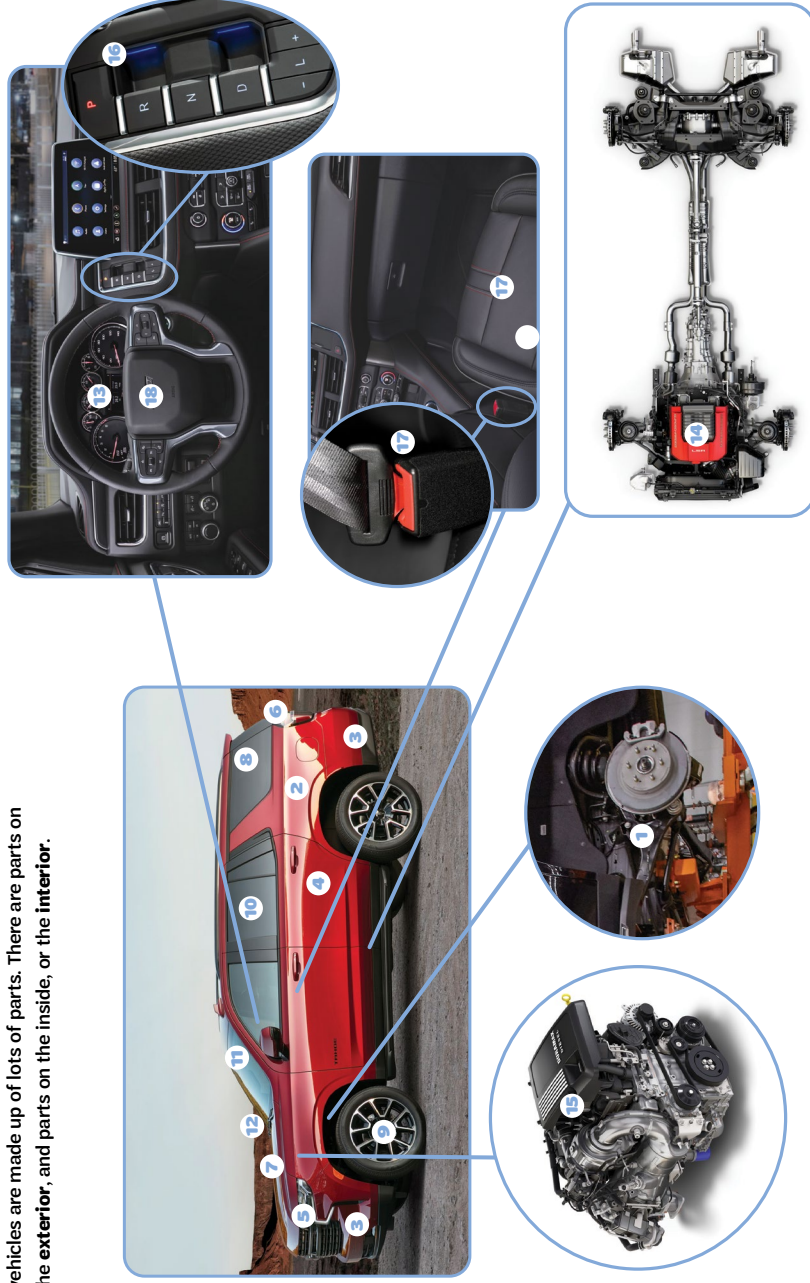
People store cargo in the **trunk** of a vehicle.

Most vehicles have 4 **wheels** with tires that roll to move the car.

Windows help people inside the vehicle see where they're going.

The **windshield** lets the driver see in front of the vehicle.

The **windshield wiper** slides back and forth to wipe off rain and snow.



INTERIOR

13 The **dashboard** shows the driver vehicle information like its speed, how much fuel it has, and what gear it's in.

14 The **drivetrain** transfers energy from the engine to the axles and wheels, making the vehicle go.

15 The **engine** powers the vehicle to make it go.

16 The driver uses a **gear shift** to make the vehicle go forward or backward.

17 Each passenger sits in a **seat** with a **seat belt** to keep them safe if there's an accident.

18 The driver rotates the **steering wheel** to make the vehicle turn.