

# HOW TO GET YOUR CAR UNSTUCK

This is one of those skills that you hope you'll never put into practice. But there can come a time when the elements are against you and you get stuck. Mud, sand, or snow, they can all get you. So what are you going to do?

## FLIP OVER FOR YOUR NEXT CHALLENGE



### EARN THIS NUGGET

You need to get a car unstuck, which means you need to get it stuck first. This is one for parental help. Try the methods above and get used to them. You never know when you might need them. Also, have another car standing by with a tow rope, just in case.

LEVEL 1

PERIOD 3

TASK 3

Ultimately it all comes down to one thing: you need grip. Don't just go spinning your wheels. At best, you are probably getting more stuck. At worst, you are damaging your tires. So, here are some tricks:

- Try backing up and then forward; this is called rocking. It can get you enough momentum to get out. Use a low gear. You want to crawl, not spin.
- In a front wheel drive vehicle, try steering hard left and then hard right. You may get enough grip to pull out. Use that low gear again.
- If you are in snow or mud, you can try sand, grit, or kitty litter under the wheels. If they are available, this could get you some grip.
- If all that has failed, you need to get dirty. Jack up the worst wheel or wheels. Put something under the wheel, cardboard, blanket, green tree branches, something that will grip. Lower the wheel back down and try crawling out now.

