

# SOLUTION PAGE

## AUTO REPAIR - -

Last night four people ( one of whom was named Jim ) went to the Auto shop for various reasons ( one had a flat tire), and saw a different mechanic ( one was named Willy). From the clues provided can you tell which person had which auto problem and what mechanic he or she saw?

## CLUES --

- 1.] Susan didn't have the oil change, nor did she see mechanic Willy.
- 2.] Roger who didn't have engine problems or a check up, saw neither Tom nor Sam.
- 3.] The woman who had the tire change saw either Tom or Adam.
- 4.] Jim who had a routine check-up didn't see Willy.
- 5.] Adam performed an oil change for one motorist, who is not Bill

## PLAY GAME -

AUTO REPAIR	Tire	Engine	Check-up	Oil	Adam	Sam	Tom	Willy
Bill								
Jim								
Roger								
Susan								
Adam								
Sam								
Tom								
Willy								

(See page 2 for puzzle solution)

NAME	AUTO ISSUE	MECHANIC
Bill	Engine	Willy
Jim	Check-up	Sam
Roger	Oil	Adam
Susan	Tire	Tom

## STEP\_BY\_STEP

Lets look at the first clue "**Susan didn't have the oil change , nor did she see mechanic named Willy.**"

This provides us with two immediate elimination clues: [**Susan-Oil, Susan-Willy**] - fill both with 'red xx'.

•Lets look at the next clue: "**Roger who didn't have engine problems or a check up , saw neither Tom nor Sam.**"

This clue simply provides us with several more elimination grid squares :

[**Roger-Engine, Roger-Check,Roger-Sam,Roger-Tom**].

•Lets look at our next clue:"**The woman who had the tire change , saw either Tom or Adam.**"

(Cheeky monkey eh?) The 'woman' , which allows us to eliminate the grid squares [**Bill-Tire,Jim-Tire,Roger-Tire**], Why? Because none of these people are women!

Lets now take a moment to update our grid squares as follows :

First locate[**Susan-Tire**] and fill it in with a 'green box'.

Next , for the grid squares [**Susan-Engine, Susan-Check**] choose 'red xx' for both.

Lastly, (Since we now know she ..... "**either saw Tom or Adam**" ),

we can eliminate the following grid squares:[**Susan-Sam**], as well as [**Sam-Tire, Willy-Tire**].

•Lets proceed to our next clue:"**Jim who had a routine check-up , didn't see Willy.**" Easy enough, locate grid square[**Jim-Check**] and turn it into a 'green box', Then for grid square [**Jim-Willy**] a 'red xx'.

**\*NOTE:\*** (***This clue will also allow us to uncover another***),

To do so : First eliminate [**Bill-Check, Willy-Check**], then look at the '**ENGINE**' column, (and by using the process of elimination), you will see there is now only one possible (logical) solution here:

'**Bill-Engine**' ,so go ahead and mark the grid square [**Bill-Engine**] with a 'green box'.

Now, by eliminating the grid square[**Bill-Oil**], reveals yet another solution :

'**Roger-OIL**!'

Now since we have '**Roger-OIL**', we can eliminate[**Sam-Oil, Tom-Oil**], by mutual exclusion,

or in other words, they(Sam, Tom) have already been eliminated from Roger's row, they are eliminated from the 'Oil' Column.

Finally, we have our last clue : "**Adam** performed an **oil change** for one motorist, who is **not Bill**."Well, since we already know who the motorist is who had the oil change ( '**Roger**'- (see previous clue) ),

Lets fill in grid square [**Roger-Adam**] with a 'green box', then make the (appropriate) eliminations of these grid squares:

[**Roger-Willy, Bill-Adam, Jim-Adam, Susan-Adam**],

which now reveals Susan's mechanic (remember, from clue 3 : "...it was either '**Tom or Adam**' ) so that the grid square [**Susan-Tom**] may now be highlighted 'green'.

Doing so results in the elimination of the grid squares: [**Bill-Tom, Jim-Tom**], which in turn, now reveals our final solution (**by looking at column 'Willy'**), namely,

**'Bill-Willy'** (again by the process of elimination), and after we add the 'green box' in grid square [**Bill-Willy**], it logically follows that our last combination of motorist-mechanic can only be:

**'Jim-Sam'!**

(You may fill in the lower grid squares if you like, as an check on the logical eliminations!)

Congratulations! Puzzle solved.

To summarize:

**Bill: who had Engine problems saw the mechanic named Willy.**

**Jim: who had a routine Check-up saw the mechanic named Sam.**

**Roger: who had an Oil change saw the mechanic named Adam.**

**Susan: who had a flat Tire saw the mechanic named Tom.**