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'Splinter', the car.

The hi-tech car in the picture looks like something from the future, but it's actually just made (1) _____ of wood. Joe Herman, the man (2) _____ developed the 'Splinter' car, claims it could travel at over 385km per hour. Herman carried out lots of experiments (3) _____ order to build as (4) _____ different parts of the car as possible using wood. This includes the bodywork and the frame, as (5) _____ some components of the wheels. Herman designed and built the car for a project at university. It was (6) _____ his intention to persuade people that wood is the best material for making cars. Instead, he says his aims (7) _____ to develop new ways of working and to find (8) _____ innovative way to use wood. Several companies have paid to sponsor the car (9) _____ as to have the right to use Joe's ideas in their products. Herman is confident his car could last (10) _____ very long time in spite (11) _____ the fact that it's made from wood. However, you probably wouldn't want to leave the car parked in the street (12) _____ day long in winter. Also, if the car caught fire, considerably (13) _____ of it would be damaged than if the same thing happened to a normal vehicle.

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WHAT DID WE FIND? A PINK DOLPHIN!

Most people know something about dolphins. For example, almost all (1) _____ us can say that dolphins are known for being intelligent and friendly. But if we were ever asked what colour dolphins are, how many people (2) _____ say 'pink'? Hardly anybody! It might sound (3) _____ a joke, but a pink dolphin has recently (4) _____ spotted in Lake Michigan, USA. The animal, (5) _____ eyes are red, is a bottlenose dolphin. His body is pink all over and this is how he must (6) _____ looked from birth: he is an albino, (7) _____ means he has a medical condition that causes pale skin. The dolphin (8) _____ first spotted several years ago, although (9) _____ is only very recently that he has started to appear almost every day. Walt Fairfax, a local sailor, says he has watched the animal (10) _____ numerous occasions. 'I remember the first time I spotted him. Before that day I (11) _____ never seen anything so extraordinary in my life. He looked unreal,' explains Walt. The dolphin appears to be healthy, but at the moment the media and tourists are (12) _____ asked to stay away from him. Conservationists fear that the animal could be chased away (13) _____ TV camera crews and crowds of photographers in boats.