Please choose the proper word for the blank below.

[ ] the moving van [ ] China, the Greene family loaded up their station wagon [ ] five big suitcases. Then they [ ] a lawn mower that they had forgotten to [ ] in the moving van, a cooler full of ham sandwiches and iced tea, a [ ]-up stack of *National Geographics*, and an orange

and white cat named Catman, ____ had no tail because he had flicked his former tail once under the lawn mower. The ____ thing they put into the station wagon was a rolled-up rug ____ the front porch of their house. It was ____ long to fit. They ____ it sideways, and folded, and upside down, but it still wouldn't ____.

"Let's ____ it behind," Mr. Greene ____.

But Mrs. Greene ____ to cry. "It was my mother's," she said. "There's a stain on it where my mother spilled some black bean soup forty years ____. I ____ sentimental about this rug."