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   to bend over as a sign of thanks or respect

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   a fancy knot

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   wear out; become tired

4. Jennifer’s bicycle has a flat tire.
   rubber wheel filled with air

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   moving air

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   to turn a key, which gives power or energy to a mechanical device, such as a toy or clock