

# Cartoons for the Classroom

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RJ Matson / The St. Louis Post Dispatch, Courtesy Caglecartoons.com

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## Grinding to a halt, again

### Talking points

1. Matson uses a gear metaphor to show how the economic recovery is intertwined with home sales and jobs. Which one needs to start turning to get us back on track?
2. What if you subbed the label "Economic Recovery" with "Auto Industry." Does the message stay the same?
3. The gear metaphor is pretty useful and can certainly be called upon to illustrate other topics. Can you think of any other issues that could be explained with this simple image?

### Between the lines

"U.S. stocks futures fell sharply this week after a startlingly weak report on employment worsened concerns that the economic recovery is losing steam.

"The results were far below analysts' already-low expectations.

"The jobs report was the latest of many signals that the U.S. economy is slowing. High gas and food prices have cut into consumer spending and natural disasters in Japan have hurt U.S. manufacturers."

--Bloomberg, June, 3, 2011  
(<http://goo.gl/eSKov>)

### Additional resources

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