

Class: VI-VIII

Road Safety

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A. Dear EIS Learners, in this issue we will learn about road safety. Let us read the following conversation between Dilip, a road safety specialist and Maruf, a school student. They are discussing about road accidents in Bangladesh.



Maruf: Sir, as a road safety advisor, would you please tell me about the road safety situation in Bangladesh?



Mr. Dilip: The roads of Bangladesh are a death trap. Every year 3 to 4 thousand people are killed in road accidents, but the death toll here is actually higher.

Maruf: I have read in newspaper that more than one million people are seriously injured every year in road accidents.

Mr. Dilip: You are absolutely right. According to WHO (World Health Organisation) statistics, 1.2 million people are killed in automobile crashes annually across the globe, 50 million are injured and 90% of these casualties happen in developing countries like Bangladesh. It is astounding to think that every six seconds a person is injured or killed on the roads of the world.

Maruf: I know that road crashes are the number one killer of young people aged between 10 to 25 years. Do you think better road safety measures could solve the problem?

Mr. Dilip: Yes, we could probably reduce road accident fatalities by 80% to 90% by adopting some fundamental principles of safety. If one is aware of the basic pedestrian safety rules like "Look right. Look left. Look right again", one could avoid many of the road accidents.

Now, look at the information below and frame a question for each of the sentences using the given clue word. One example is given for you.

Sentence	Clue Word	Question
The road safety scenario in Bangladesh is not good.	What	What is the road safety scenario like in Bangladesh?
Every year three to four thousand people are killed in road accidents.	How many	
WHO stands for World Health Organisation.	What	
We could probably reduce road accident fatalities by 80% to 90% by adopting fundamental principles of safety.	How	
90% of these casualties happen in developing countries.	Where	

B. Knowing road signs

Match the road signs with their meanings.

Road signs	Meaning of the signs
	NO RICKSHAW This sign says that rickshaw cannot run on that particular road.
	NO USE OF HORN This sign asks the drivers not to use horn as it might disturb patients in a nearby hospital or students in a nearby school.
	ROAD HUMP It reminds the drivers to slow down their vehicles.
	ZEBRA CROSSING This sign tells us to use the zebra crossing to cross the road.
	NO PEDESTRIAN This sign tells the pedestrians not to walk by that particular road.
	NO OVERTAKING This sign asks the vehicles not to overtake each other.

Bicycle safety

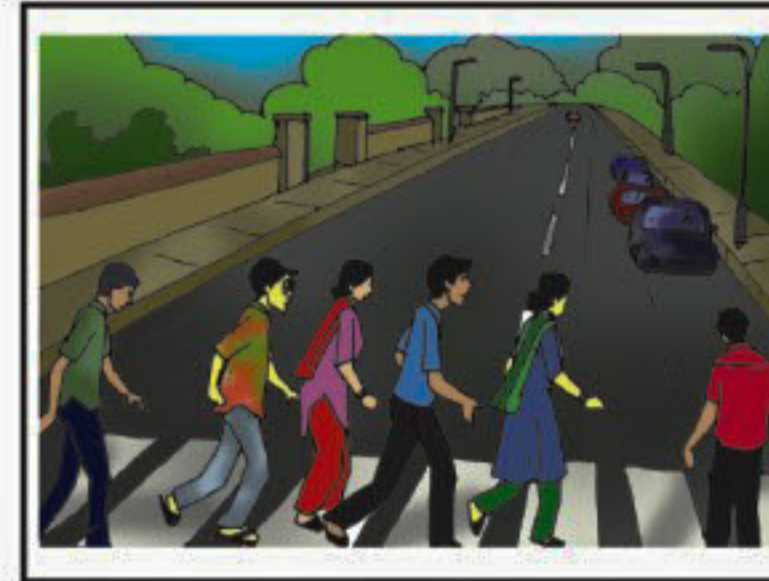
Answer key:

1. Check
2. Wear
3. Obey
4. Look
5. Carry
6. Avoid
7. Stay

Learning Objectives:

- Forming questions,
- Knowing road signs,
- Completing sentences,
- Giving causes and solutions, Using verbs.

C. Look at the pictures and complete the sentences. One is done for you.



We should use the zebra crossing to cross a road.



We should not



The drivers should not



When in a car, we should



We should not



We should

D. Some problems on roads are given in the table below. Discuss with a partner and fill up the other columns by putting in why these problems are dangerous, and how we can reduce them. The first one is done for you.

Problems	Why is it dangerous?	How to reduce the problem?
Driving very close to the vehicle in front	It might hit the other vehicles.	We must keep a safe distance.
Driving carelessly at a high speed		
Disobeying red lights		
Overtaking the vehicle in front		
Getting onto a running bus		

E. Bicycle safety



Fill in the gaps in the following paragraph taking the suitable verbs from the box:

obey wear carry check stay avoid look

Many of us love riding bicycles as it is fun, healthy, and a great way to be independent. But we also need to remember that a bicycle is not a toy; it is a vehicle. So, we need to follow the basic safety tips. For example, before riding we should (1) our tyres and brakes properly. Then, while riding, we must (2) a properly fitted bicycle helmet to save our lives. We also have to (3) all traffic rules. When turning left or right, we should always (4) behind and then signal before making the turn. Another important tip is that we should always ride holding the handlebars and (5) books and other items in a bicycle carrier or backpack. Again, for our own safety we need to (6) riding at night because other drivers might not see us easily. Finally, as bicycle riders we have to (7) alert at all times.

RESPECT ELDERS

Let's remind them that they are always important, reward them with honour and show them how much they mean to us.
Show them the respect they deserve.

