Chapter 3: Be Smart, Be Safe

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3.1 Let us Think

Q1 What should you do before crossing a road?

Before crossing a road, you should look for a zebra crossing. Then look right, then left, and again right to make sure no vehicles are coming. Cross only when it is safe.

Q2 Why should you not play on the footpath?

You should not play on the footpath because it is meant for pedestrians to walk safely. Playing there can bring you close to moving vehicles and cause accidents.

Q3 Why should you hold an adult's hand while crossing the road?

You should hold an adult's hand while crossing the road because roads can be busy and dangerous. An adult can guide you safely and make sure you cross only when it is safe to do so.

3.2 Let us Learn — True or False

Q1 You should always walk on the footpath.

True

Q2 It is safe to run while crossing the road.

False

Q3 You should use the zebra crossing to cross the road.

True

Q4 Wearing dark clothes in the evening makes you more visible.

False. Wearing reflective stickers on your clothes makes you more visible to drivers in the dark, not dark clothes.

Q5 It is safe to play near the road.

False

Q6 You should wear headphones while walking on the road.

False. Wearing headphones while walking on the road distracts you from traffic sounds and is unsafe.

3.3 Let us Learn — Encircle the Correct Option

Q1 What should you do before crossing a road? (a) Run quickly (b) Stop, look right, then left, again right (c) Close your eyes

(b) Stop, look right, then left, again right

Q2 Where should you walk near the road? (a) On the footpath (b) On the road (c) In the middle of the vehicles

(a) On the footpath

Q3 Why should you avoid using headphones on the road? (a) It looks bad (b) It makes you run faster (c) It can distract you from traffic sounds

(c) It can distract you from traffic sounds

3.4 Let us Learn — Identify the Symbols

Q1 Identify the following road safety symbols and write their meanings using the help box: School ahead, No littering, Gents restroom, Handicapped, Drive slow, U turn, No honking, Ladies restroom, Right turn, No left turn, Danger ahead.

The eleven road safety symbols shown (left to right, top then bottom row) are:
1. Ladies restroom — a black silhouette of a woman; means a toilet facility for women is nearby.
2. Gents restroom — a black silhouette of a man; means a toilet facility for men is nearby.
3. Handicapped — a blue square with a white figure in a wheelchair; means a facility or parking space is available for persons with disabilities.
4. U turn — a red circle with a U-shaped arrow; means drivers may make a U-turn here.
5. No left turn — a red circle with a left-curving arrow; means turning left is not allowed.
6. Right turn — a red circle with a right-curving arrow; means drivers may turn right here.
7. Drive slow — a red-bordered white triangle with the words 'DRIVE SLOW'; means reduce your speed in this area.
8. School ahead — a red-bordered white triangle with two children walking; means a school is nearby and drivers must drive carefully.
9. No honking — a red circle with a horn crossed out; means do not use the vehicle horn in this zone.
10. No littering — a red circle with a person throwing rubbish crossed out; means do not throw waste on the road.
11. Danger ahead — a yellow diamond with the word 'DANGER' and a skull symbol; means there is a hazard or dangerous spot on the road ahead.

3.5 Let us Do — Safe and Unsafe Activities

Q1 Classify the following activities as 'safe' and 'unsafe': Looking right and left before crossing; Playing on the road; Crossing at a zebra crossing; Walking on the footpath; Listening to loud music on the road.

Safe: Looking right and left before crossing; Crossing at a zebra crossing; Walking on the footpath. Unsafe: Playing on the road; Listening to loud music on the road.

3.6 Let us Do — Spot What's Wrong

Q1 Look at the picture and spot six errors related to road safety.

The six road-safety errors visible in the picture are:
1. A boy in a red shirt is walking on the road instead of on the footpath.
2. The scooter rider is not wearing a helmet.
3. A person is crossing the road away from the zebra crossing instead of using it.
4. The auto-rickshaw driver is using a mobile phone while driving.
5. A child is near the road without holding an adult's hand.
6. A cat is wandering on the road, which is a danger to both the animal and drivers.

3.7 Let us Write — Countable and Uncountable Nouns (A)

Q1 Classify the following as C (Countable) and U (Uncountable): Bananas, Lemonade, Biscuits, Flour, Curd, Chocolates, Tomatoes, Tomato ketchup, Sandwiches, Potatoes, Mashed potatoes, Coffee, Coffee jars, Tables.

Bananas — C; Lemonade — U; Biscuits — C; Flour — U; Curd — U; Chocolates — C; Tomatoes — C; Tomato ketchup — U; Sandwiches — C; Potatoes — C; Mashed potatoes — U; Coffee — U; Coffee jars — C; Tables — C.

3.8 Let us Write — Countable and Uncountable Nouns (B)

Q1 Classify the following into countable and uncountable nouns: Traffic, Pollution, Helmet, Buses, Cars, Speed, Pedestrian, Bicycle, Safety, Transportation, Fuel.

Countable Nouns: Helmet, Buses, Cars, Pedestrian, Bicycle. Uncountable Nouns: Traffic, Pollution, Speed, Safety, Transportation, Fuel.

3.9 Let us Write — Countable and Uncountable Nouns in a Recipe (C)

Q1 Read the recipe for Yummy banana milkshake. Underline the countable nouns and circle the uncountable nouns.

Countable nouns (underline): bananas, blender, glass, ice cubes. Uncountable nouns (circle): milk, sugar, honey.

3.10 Let us Write — Letter to the Traffic Police (D)

Q1 Write a letter to the traffic police of Bharat to thank them and promise to follow all the traffic rules and stay safe.

Sample answer: Dear Traffic Police Officer, Thank you for keeping us safe on the roads. You work so hard to make sure everyone follows the rules and no one gets hurt. I see how you stand in the sun, rain, and cold to help us. I have read your letter carefully and understood that I must always use the zebra crossing, follow traffic lights, walk on the footpath, hold an adult's hand near the road, use reflective stickers in the dark, and stay alert by not using headphones or mobile phones near traffic. I promise to follow all these rules every day and help my friends and family do the same. Together, we can make our roads safer for everyone. Jai Hind! Your friend, [Name], Grade 4.