

1. Read the posts on the school forum. What should Nancy do next time she crosses the street?

2. **Recognize point of view** Which of the following statements express the point of view of the local traffic officer? Write checkmarks.

- 1. Pedestrians should look both ways before crossing the street.
- 2. Staying safe on the roads and sidewalks is the responsibility of drivers.
- 3. Pedestrians should be more careful.
- 4. Pedestrians can help prevent accidents by looking twice before they cross the road.
- 5. According to the law, cyclists should wear a helmet.

3. **Scan for information** Choose the correct answer.

- 1. Nancy had an accident ...
 - a. on her way home from school.
 - b. on her way to the mall.
 - c. on her way to school.
 - d. outside her house.
- 2. Nancy ...
 - a. hurt her right hand.
 - b. cut her left leg.
 - c. cut her hand and hurt her right leg.
 - d. cut her hand and hurt her left leg.
- 3. The cyclist ...
 - a. didn't stop and didn't say sorry.
 - b. didn't stop but said sorry.
 - c. stopped and said sorry.
 - d. stopped but didn't say sorry.
- 4. Rich thinks the accident was ... fault.
 - a. Nancy's
 - b. his
 - c. the cyclist's
 - d. the traffic officer's
- 5. The local traffic officer's job is to ...
 - a. tell cyclists to wear a helmet.
 - b. keep everyone safe.
 - c. tell pedestrians to stay on the sidewalk.
 - d. help pedestrians to cross the street.
- 6. According to the traffic officer, pedestrians should ...
 - a. look once before they cross the street.
 - b. only look for cars when they cross the street.
 - c. only look for bikes when they cross the street.
 - d. look both ways before they cross the street.

Student Safety Week Forum

This is student safety week and today's focus is road safety. Post your stories and comment now.

A few months ago, I had an accident when I was walking to school early in the morning. I was crossing the street outside school when a man on a bike hit me. Luckily, I wasn't seriously hurt. I cut my hand and hurt my left leg. He just got up and cycled off. He wasn't wearing a helmet and he was talking on his phone. He didn't say sorry. I was very upset. *Nancy*

I can't believe that! The accident was the cyclist's fault. Cyclists should definitely wear a helmet and not use their phones. It sounds like you were unlucky and he was rude. *Rich*

I'm your local traffic officer. It's my job to make sure everyone stays safe. There is no law to say cyclists should wear a helmet. Remember, on the sidewalk pedestrians have a responsibility to look both ways when they cross the street.



Nancy, next time you cross the road, look both ways twice. Check once for cars and twice for bikes. Let's help each other and together we can prevent more accidents. *Gary Matford*