

12-SAFETY SAVES



Kunal was a careless boy. He often did things carelessly. His parents always scolded him for his carelessness. One fine morning, he was very disturbed, as he could not find his pen. He needed the pen to write his English test. He searched for it everywhere but could not find it. As Kunal was getting late for his school, he hurried down the road to catch the bus to school. He saw a large red coloured bus leaving the bus stop. He ran after it and jumped onto the bus.

(An old man who was sitting in the bus says)

Old man : Don't you know, trying to catch a running bus is a dangerous thing to do?

Kunal : I am in a hurry. I have a test today. I didn't want to miss my test.

Old man : It's better to miss a test than to miss the rest of your life.

Kunal : Sorry sir, I'll keep it in mind and follow it.



The bus was crowded. Kunal looked for his friends but no one was there. He found that he was on the wrong bus. His face turned pale. He jumped off the moving bus. He landed with a bump on the road. A scooter was coming from behind. It stopped just a few inches away from him. The woman on the scooter shouted at him.

Woman : Do you want to hurt yourself?

Kunal : No, ma'am. I am sorry. I am getting late for school.

Woman : Does this mean you will jump off the bus? Don't you know jumping off a moving bus is dangerous?

Kunal started crying loudly. He was badly injured. He told her the whole incident. She listened carefully.

Woman : Remember, it is always better to be `safe' than `sorry'.

Kunal : What should I do ma'am? Will you please take me to the doctor?

Woman : Sure! I can't leave you alone in such a situation.

Kunal : Thank you very much ma'am.

On the way, she recited him a poem-

Never play on the road,

Never run across,

Never walk in groups,

Never break the traffic rules.

Never jump from a bus,

Never catch a running bus,

Never put your head or hands out,

Never yell, scream or shout.

Doing this you'll always be safe and sound,

Both you and everyone around.

Kunal had learnt a lesson. He vowed never to be careless.

Better late than never

New Words



Comprehension Questions

1. Answer the following questions :
 - a. What kind of a boy was Kunal?
 - b. Why did Kunal need a pen?
 - c. Why is it dangerous to catch a running bus?
 - d. Why did Kunal jump off the bus?
 - e. How did the woman help Kunal?
 - f. What lesson did Kunal learn?

Word Power

1. Underline the silent letters in the given words :

hour often knit wrong doubt know knee could write knife
listen should whole walk folk

Language Practice

1. An adverb is a word that modifies a verb, an adjective or another adverb :

Example- loudly, keenly, quickly, hurriedly, slowly

Make new words by adding `ly' to the following. One is done for you-

Sad+ly = sadly

1.loud 2.careless 3.bad 4.careful 5.light 6.beautiful 7. friend
8.week 9.month 10. year

2. Fill in the blanks with the correct adverbs :

- a. She sings _ . (sweetly/neatly)
- b. She speaks _ . (highly/clearly)
- c. He shouts _ . (sadly/ loudly)
- d. He writes _ . (neatly/ brightly)
- e. A tortoise walks _ . (badly/slowly)

Keep in mind

→ Children or youngsters without licence should not be allowed to ride two wheelers even for a joyride.

- Always wear helmet while riding a two wheeler.
- Always wear seat belts while driving a car.
- Never put your head or hand out of a moving vehicle.
- Never talk on mobile phone while driving a vehicle or moving on the road.
- Always walk on the footpath/pavements.
- Cross the road only at the zebra crossing.
- While crossing the road, look to the right, then to the left and then right again and cross only when the road is clear.

Activity

» Look at the picture and discuss whose action is right or wrong and why?

