

### ROAD SAFETY

Talk to the adults at home and sort the statements below in to the correct column. Then have a look at the answers on the next page to check if you have sorted the statements accurately.

SAFE	NOT SAFE

Drives faster than the speed limit

Wears a helmet while cycling

Uses their phone while driving

Crosses roads at safe places

Cycles at night without lights

Parks on the lines outside school

Drives slowly near school

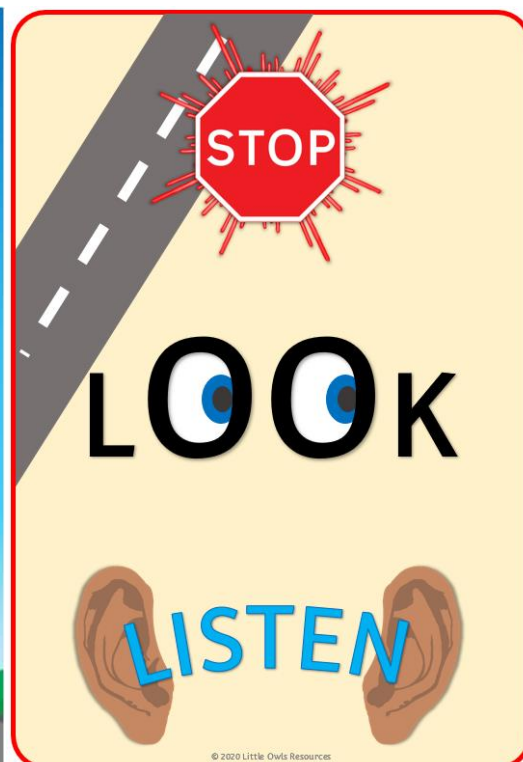
Wears a seat belt or sits in a child seat

Crosses the road without looking

- Drives faster than the speed limit – NOT SAFE. People who drive faster than the speed limit are more likely to be involved in a crash and more likely to hurt someone really badly if they hit them.
- Wears a helmet while cycling – SAFE. Brake recommends everyone wears a helmet when cycling. A helmet won't protect you from falling off your bike or being in a crash, but it will help protect your head from injury.
- Uses their phone while driving – NOT SAFE. Distracted drivers are less likely to notice a danger in the road and will respond more slowly.
- Crosses roads at safe places – SAFE. Zebra crossings, pelican crossings, footbridges, school crossing patrols are all safe places to cross roads.
- Cycles at night without lights – NOT SAFE. All drivers need to watch out for cyclists but at night it is very hard to see cyclists. It's the law that if you cycle at night you must use lights.
- Parks on the lines outside school – NOT SAFE. The lines outside school are a protected place so children can get into school safely. Parking on the lines blocks the entrance and means children can't see to cross the road safely.
- Drives slowly near school – SAFE. At slow speeds a driver has more time to see and react to road danger.
- Wears a seat belt or sits in a child seat – SAFE. Seat belts and child seats are one of the simplest ways to keep safe when we travel by car. If the car is involved in a crash, our seatbelt or child seat protects us.
- Crosses the road without looking – NOT SAFE. We all need to use the Green Cross Code and Stop, Look, Listen and Think before we cross roads.

### CHALLENGE

Can you design a poster to go up in school and on the website to encourage everyone to be safe when using roads? There are some road features on the next page that you could include and some posters below to help you think of ideas.



If your grown-up has time today you could go on a 'Road Safety Walk' or you could have a look on your way to or from school tomorrow.



## Road safety checklist



Tick each box when you see each item on your walk:

Zebra crossing

Traffic light

Yellow or white zig zag road markings – Cars or other vehicles are not allowed to park anywhere on these lines, to let young people nearby to see clearly left and right when crossing the road. These lines are often placed on roads around schools.

20 mph sign – These signs tell drivers to reduce their speed to less than 20 mph because there is likely to be young people on the pavements and crossing roads where this sign is shown. The lower speed helps drivers and pedestrians to be more aware of each other.

Children crossing sign - This sign indicates to drivers that they should watch for children crossing the road in this area.