Bicycle Safer Journey Middle School Quiz in English

1. **You’re planning to ride your bike to a friend’s house for the first time, and you’re a little unsure of how to get there. What should you do?**
2. Print a map and read it while you ride
3. Call your friend from your cell phone while you are riding so he can give you directions
4. Talk with your parents to help you plan a route with the least traffic

**Response:** *Before you ride, talk with your parents to plan a route with the least traffic. Unless you’re signaling, keep both hands on the handlebars and do not talk on your phone or text while you’re riding. If you need to look at a map or make a call while you’re riding, stop and pull off the road or to the side of the trail or sidewalk first.*

1. **On your way to school, there’s a road that is sometimes really busy. If you don’t feel comfortable crossing it on your bike, what can you do?**
2. Get off your bike and walk across a crosswalk
3. Keep waiting for a chance to ride across even if it takes an hour
4. Run across with your bike as soon as you see an opening in the traffic

**Response:** *Get off your bike and walk across a crosswalk. You also may want to look for routes with less traffic to use in the future.*

1. **You’ve heard that bikes are considered vehicles, but what does that mean?**
2. When you’re riding a bike on the road, you have to follow the same rules as drivers do
3. You need to look for road signs and traffic signals and do what they say
4. Ride on the right side of the road or path in the same direction as traffic is moving
5. All of the above

**Response:** *The answer is D - all of the above.  When you’re riding your bike on the road, follow the same rules as car drivers do. Look for road signs and traffic signals and do what they say and ride on the right side of the road in the same direction as traffic.*

1. **When do you need to wear a helmet?**
2. Until you’re a really good bicyclist
3. Just when you’re riding near cars
4. Every time you ride
5. When you’re having a bad hair day

**Response:** *You need to wear a helmet every time you ride, no matter where you’re riding or your riding abilities. Unexpected things can happen that you can’t control, like a driver who pulls out right in front of you.*

1. **Being predictable when riding a bike means:**
2. Riding in a straight line (not swerving back and forth)
3. Doing what drivers expect you to do and being where drivers expect you to be
4. Staying focused and paying attention to what’s around you
5. All of the above

**Response:** The answer is D – all of the above. *All of these things help you be predictable when riding your bike. Ride in a straight line, stay focused and pay attention to what’s around you. Do what drivers expect you to do and be where they expect you to be.*

1. **You’re headed to the store on your bicycle. As you coast down your driveway, what do you need to do?**
2. Stop and look for traffic before entering the street
3. Put on your helmet
4. Check to be sure you have money
5. Make sure your bike light is on

**Response:** *Stop and look for traffic before leaving the driveway and entering the street. You should already be wearing your helmet. If it’s dark outside, be sure you have working lights and reflectors on your bike.*

1. **You know you’re supposed to be visible and predictable for drivers, but shouldn’t drivers be watching out for you? Why do you have to do all of this stuff?**
2. Drivers are supposed to be watching for bicyclists, but you need to do your part, too
3. Sometimes drivers are distracted or may not see you
4. Cars are bigger and move faster than you. No matter who is responsible, if you get hit while riding your bike, you’ll come out worse than the car
5. All of the above

**Response:** *The answer is D – all of the above. It is important for you to do your part to be safe while riding. Don’t assume that drivers will see you so stay focused and pay attention to what’s around you.*