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DIRECTIONS

Read the text and then answer the questions.

I rushed out of the house and ran to get my bike as my mom called for me. "Not so fast, Jessie!" she shouted. "Don't forget your helmet!" I was only riding up the street to my friend's house, but I guess it doesn't matter how far I am riding. I have to wear a helmet no matter what because it keeps me safe. There is even a law in my town that requires children to wear bike helmets.

1. Which phrase would tell a reader more about this text while previewing it?

- (A) a law in my town
- (B) a helmet no matter what
- (C) my mom called for me
- (D) up the street

2. Who is the narrator?

- (A) Jessie's friend
- (B) Jessie's mom
- (C) Jessie
- (D) Jessie's dad

3. Which word from the text has the same vowel sound as *talk*?

- (A) safe
- (B) how
- (C) law
- (D) bike

4. Which is a synonym for *requires*?

- (A) hopes
- (B) demands
- (C) wishes
- (D) grabs

5. Which phrase shows how Jessie feels about wearing a helmet?

- (A) have to wear a helmet no matter what
- (B) get my bike
- (C) riding up the street
- (D) requires children to wear bike helmets

SCORE

1. (Y) (N)

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Luis wanted to ride his bike around the neighborhood. His dad told him to ride with Marco, his little brother. The problem was that Marco was still riding a bike with training wheels. He was going to slow Luis down, and Luis did not want that. He wanted to go as fast as he could. He tried to change the plan, but his dad insisted so Luis had no choice. He was not going to get the kind of bike ride that he wanted.

1. Which title best fits this text?

- (A) Slowed Down by a Brother
 (B) A Bike Ride
 (C) Around the Neighborhood
 (D) Luis and Marco

2. Which word best describes the main character at the end of the text?

- (A) disappointed
 (B) excited
 (C) happy
 (D) tired

3. Which word has the same vowel sound as *ride*?

- (A) rid
 (B) fly
 (C) hid
 (D) tip

4. Which word is a synonym for *choice*?

- (A) work
 (B) time
 (C) option
 (D) direction

5. What does the text's tone tell the reader about how it ends?

- (A) Luis is excited that things have changed.
 (B) Luis has to accept the new plan, even if he doesn't want to.
 (C) Marco feels bad to slow down his brother.
 (D) Luis's father is frustrated with both boys.

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The girls were riding their bikes home from school. It was a new experience for them. They were starting to ride by themselves without an adult. They were being very responsible. Suddenly, one of the bikes had a problem. It was a flat tire, and the girls were still about a mile from home. What were they supposed to do? They stayed calm, and decided to walk their bikes home together and fix the flat tire at home.

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3. (Y) (N)

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1. Which best summarizes this text?

- (A) It is about girls being responsible and solving a problem.
- (B) It is about how to change a bike tire.
- (C) It is about girls getting lost.
- (D) It is about girls not following rules.

2. What is the setting?

- (A) a playground
- (B) a neighborhood
- (C) a school
- (D) a house

3. Which word is the root word in *riding*?

- (A) ding
- (B) ride
- (C) rid
- (D) ridi

4. Which word from the text means *reliable*?

- (A) decided
- (B) experience
- (C) calm
- (D) responsible

5. What does the word *suddenly* tell the reader about an event?

- (A) Someone gets hurt.
- (B) Something happens that is surprising.
- (C) Something happens slowly.
- (D) Something happens that is exciting.

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Making Room for Bikes

January 20, 2012

Dear Mayor,

I am writing to you about a serious problem in our town. I think it is important to have clearly marked bike lanes on our busiest streets. Something happened yesterday that made me write this letter. I was riding my bike home from school. I was with my mom and my sister. We were going north on Lakeview Drive. The three of us were on the right side of the road. We were following all the rules of the road. We were all wearing helmets. We were using clear hand signals. All of a sudden, a large car turned right into our path! Luckily, I was able to stop right away. My mother and sister were behind me. They could stop, too. It was a close call. This driver almost hit me and my bike.

I was in the right place on the road. Yet this driver did not see me. I think that if I had been riding inside a very clearly marked bike lane, then I would have been more visible. There are many of us in our community who ride bikes. Our safety on the roads is important.

Our school has been talking a lot about healthy choices. We have discussed good nutrition. We have talked about how important it is to move our bodies each day. We have even started to make changes at our own school. Our cafeteria serves a lot of yummy fruits and vegetables! If health is so important, riding a bike is a great idea. It is an easy and fun form of exercise. I think we want to encourage people to do this. If people are worried about being hurt on the road, they will be less likely to get on their bikes.



Please consider making this change around town. Make it easier for bicyclists to travel safely. Encourage people to get out of their cars and be healthy. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Josh Parker

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Read "Making Room for Bikes" and then answer the questions.

SCORE**1.** Which summary of the letter is the most accurate?

- (A) This is about how bikes can be taken on city buses.
- (B) This is about keeping bikes safe.
- (C) This is about having safe places to ride bikes.
- (D) This is about people making time for exercise.

2. What is the author's purpose?

- (A) to make biking around town safer
- (B) to get rid of bike lanes
- (C) to get donations to improve cafeteria food
- (D) to find his stolen bike

3. How does this letter show a personal connection to the topic of bike safety?

- (A) The author has been in cars that have had problems with bicyclists.
- (B) The author shares his own experience with bike safety.
- (C) The author has interviewed a lot of bike riders.
- (D) The author is an expert cyclist.

4. Which statement is true about the author?

- (A) He thinks bikers are dangerous to cars.
- (B) He is upset because too many people drive cars.
- (C) He is happy to see bikers and cars traveling safely together.
- (D) He is upset because he and his family were almost hit by a car.

5. What message does this letter share about bike safety?

- (A) All bicyclists need flags on their bike.
- (B) Cars won't see bike riders unless they are wearing helmets.
- (C) Cars are more important than bicyclists.
- (D) Bicyclists deserve to be safe on the roads.

6. Which title indicates a similar type of text?

- (A) Space Invaders
- (B) A Day at the Beach
- (C) Staying Safe
- (D) Getting Along with Siblings

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Reread the text “Making Room for Bikes.” Then, read the prompt and respond on the lines below.

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Think about an issue in your city or town. What would you write about to the mayor?

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