

Theme: Accidents and Disasters

Do Not Play on the Road

Write a story based on the picture below. Your story should be at least 150 words long.



You may make use of the following points:

- what the children were doing
- whether the school bus was able to stop in time
- what happened in the end

You may reorder the points. You may also include other relevant points.

Before You Write



Basic Story Premise

- A few children were waiting by the roadside for their school bus to arrive. They were playing with a toy car.
- One of the children pushed the toy car and it rolled onto the main road. A boy ran after it, not realizing that his school bus was zooming towards him.

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It was a beautiful early afternoon. The sun was at its height, but the harsh heat was soothed by a blanket of fluffy white clouds across the sky. At exactly twelve noon, John bade goodbye to his mother and went to the nearby pick-up point to wait for his school bus. There, he met his two fellow schoolmates, Lisa and Daniel. The trio would wait at that spot daily for their school bus, which usually arrived at around twelve fifteen.

John was especially excited to see his two friends that day. He took out his gleaming red model toy car and showed it proudly to his friends. It was a gift from his father for doing well in his common test.

“Wow! That’s cool! Can it move by itself?” enquired Daniel, who was obviously envious of John for his latest possession.

“How fast can it go?” added Lisa.

Eager to show off the toy car’s capability for high speed, John gave his friends a demonstration. The miniature car zoomed along the pavement, racing down the kerb and onto the main road. In a haste to retrieve his prized toy car, John dashed across the road without consideration for his personal safety.

From a distance, the children’s school bus was fast approaching. When Daniel and Lisa saw the bus zooming towards John, they shouted out to warn John of the impending danger, but it was too late. The bus driver was travelling at quite a high speed. As soon as he spotted John running in his path, he applied his emergency brakes. Unfortunately, he was unable to stop in time. As the massive vehicle screeched to a halt, it knocked into John. Upon impact, the tremendous force of the bus flung John a few metres from his original position on the road.

John’s limp and lifeless body landed on the hard tarmac. He had lost consciousness and was bleeding profusely from his forehead. The bus driver rushed out from his bus to check on John. Quick-witted Daniel whipped out his mobile phone and dialled ‘995’ for an ambulance. Meanwhile, the bus driver knelt beside John and tried to stop his bleeding with a handkerchief.

Within minutes, an ambulance arrived at the scene. The paramedics immediately rendered John first-aid treatment before lifting him onto a stretcher and wheeling him into the ambulance. With its sirens wailing and red lights flashing, the ambulance rushed John to the emergency department of the nearest hospital.

Fortunately, John regained consciousness soon after. The doctor said that he had only suffered superficial injuries and was going to be all right. John realized that going after his toy car might have caused him his life. He was lucky to have survived the accident. For John and all his friends who had witnessed the accident, the importance of observing road safety had certainly hit home.