



Let's Be Safe While Walking

Objective: To understand the importance of being visible to drivers when walking. Identify simple ways to enhance visibility for safety.

Materials Needed:

- Story about pedestrian safety at dusk: [The Park in the Dark](#)
- Reflective stickers or tape
- Whiteboard and markers

Instructions:

Begin by discussing the importance of safety when crossing streets and walking near roads. Explain that today, they will learn about how to be safe and seen by drivers.

Story Time:

Read *The Park in the Dark* and discuss the story and Jack's experience. Ask questions to understand what the students' takeaways from the story were.

Visibility Tips:

Using the whiteboard, engage the students on simple solutions that they think they could incorporate into their trips to the park to be more visible when walking home.

Draw simple pictures or symbols to represent safety tips, such as:

- Bright clothing (draw a bright shirt). Talk about the types of colors that might be best



- Reflective materials (draw a reflective sticker)
- Flashlights, etc.

Interactive Activity:

Give each student a reflective sticker or a piece of reflective tape (if available). Encourage them to stick it on their clothing or backpack. Explain that this reflective material helps them be seen when it's dark outside.

Organize students into teams of three where students take turns pretending to be pedestrians and drivers. Have them practice “being visible” by using their new reflective materials to help make sure the “drivers” are able to see them.

Discussion:

Engage in a brief discussion about what they learned today. Ask questions like, "Why is it important to wear bright clothes, or have reflective materials?"

Summarize the key points of the lesson: being visible to drivers, wearing bright clothing, and following traffic signals. Encourage them to tell their parents or caregivers about what they've learned.

This lesson is designed to introduce students to basic pedestrian safety concepts in a simple and engaging manner, emphasizing the importance of being seen by drivers.