

# GO SAFELY, CALIFORNIA ACTIVITY BOOK



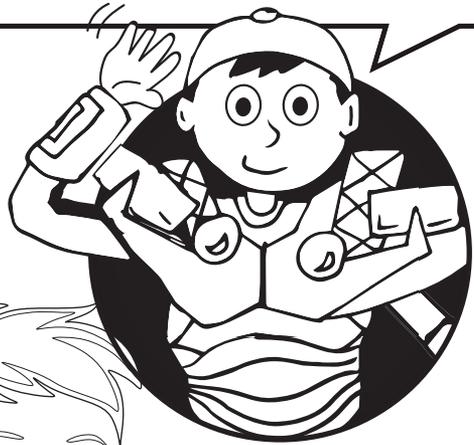
Join Mia, Max  
and friends as  
they make their  
way to the library  
as safely as  
possible!

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**Hi friends, this is Wes!** You may have seen me around. I'm lucky that I have a suit of armor that protects me whenever I walk or ride a bike. I'd like to introduce you to my best friends, Mia and Max. They're like you in that they **DON'T** have armor. They're about to take a trip to the library. Can you help them get there safely by completing the fun safety exercises in this activity book? It's important to practice safe habits walking and on a bike. Also, pay attention to nearby drivers because if they are distracted while driving, they might not notice you and that's not safe! Learn as much as you can and share the information with your friends and your family. Remember, we're all in it together when it comes to getting around safely.



**Traffic safety signs may be confusing but knowing what they mean can help you stay safe. Can you help Mia and Max match each sign with its correct meaning?**



**A.** It's your turn to walk. But, even if you see this symbol, ALWAYS look both ways for cars before crossing.



**B.** Cars and bikes must stop at the intersection. BUT, always make sure drivers and bicyclists obey this sign before you cross the street.



**C.** You are near a school. Look carefully for nearby cars and follow directions if you see a crossing guard.



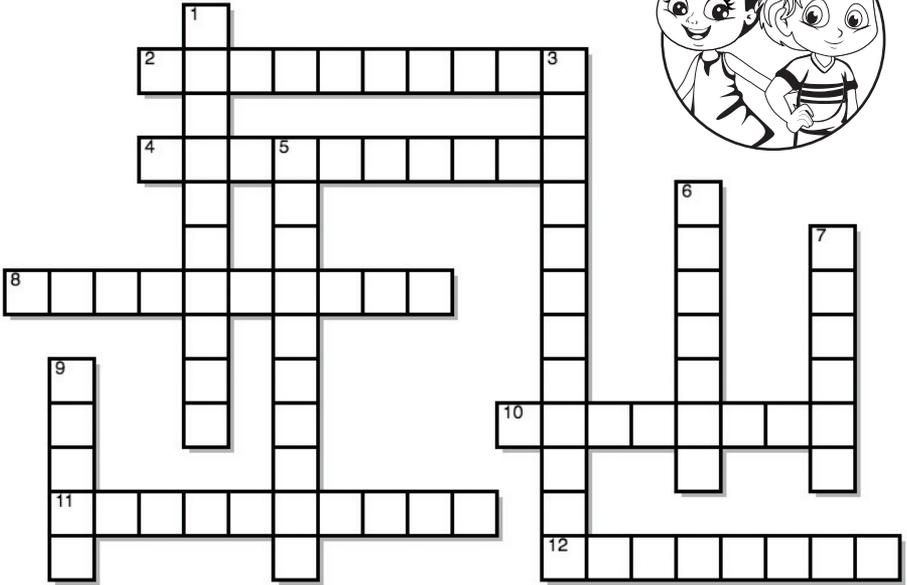
**D.** You are at a railroad crossing. Look both ways, and listen carefully for trains. Remember, they move extremely fast!



**E.** Don't walk. It is not safe to cross the street because cars are still moving where you need to cross.



**Complete this puzzle to be as safe as possible, just like Mia and Max!**



**ACROSS**

2. Don't wear these over your ears while crossing the street.
4. The California Office of Traffic Safety's pedestrian safety mascot.
8. Someone who is not paying attention.
10. Designated path specifically for cyclists.
11. Wear this type of clothing or accessories so drivers can see you better when walking at night.
12. Buckling this helps keep you safe and secure inside a vehicle.

**DOWN**

1. A person walking along a road.
3. Talking and especially texting distracts you from being aware of this.
5. This lets drivers know that you see them, and they see you.
6. Crossing the street illegally without waiting for the walk signal.
7. It's the law to wear this on your head and helps reduce injuries while riding a bicycle, skateboard scooter or roller-skates.
9. Be \_\_\_\_\_! Don't assume drivers can see you.

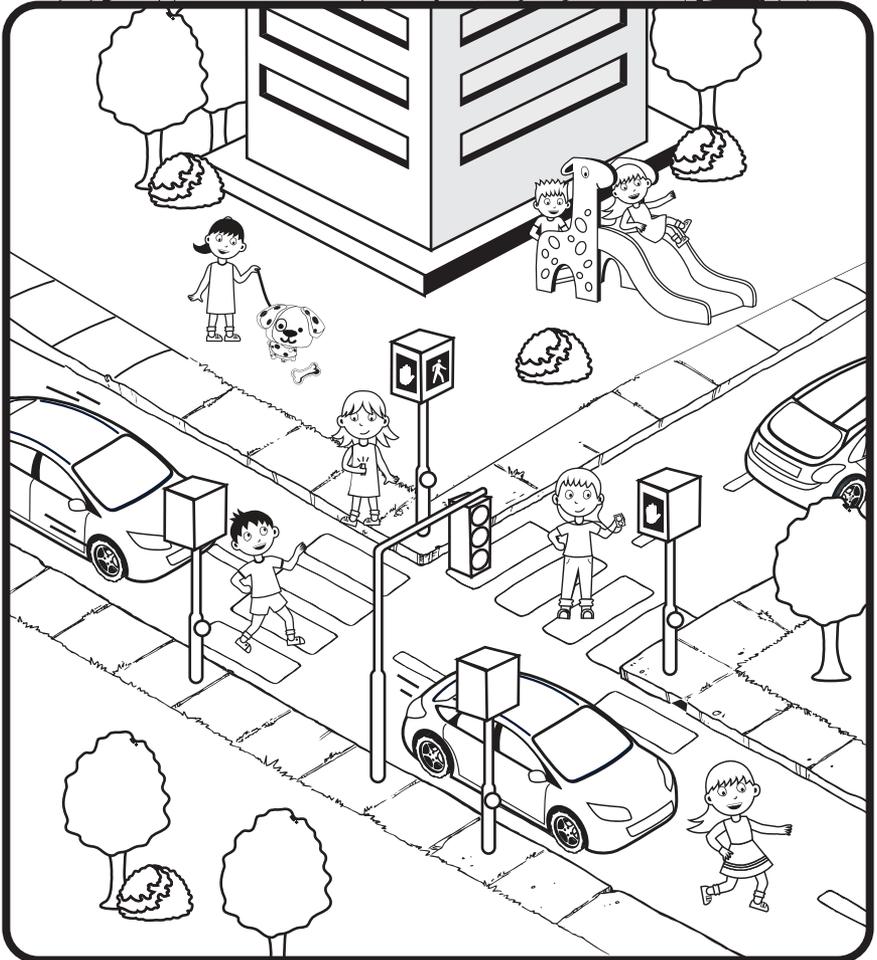
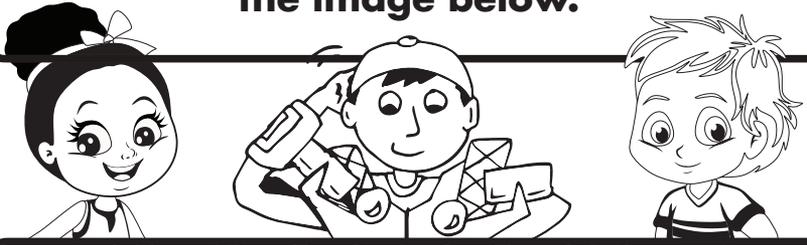


**As Mia, Max and friends walk to the library, they arrive to a busy intersection and wait patiently at the crosswalk.**

It's always important that we stay alert and aware when we walk, especially when we are near busy roads. Before you color the picture, check out this important information about crosswalk signals:

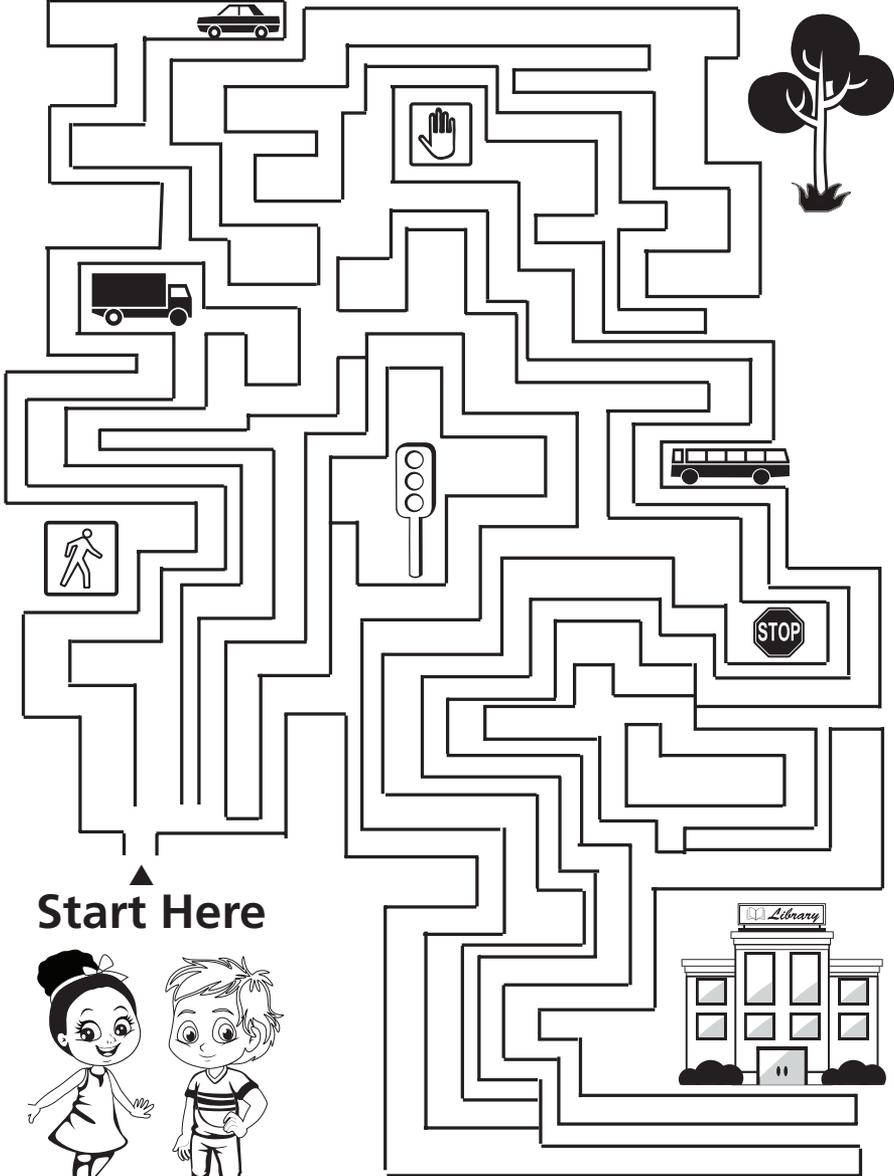
- The walking person signal lets you know it's your turn to cross the street.
- Even when the pedestrian signal changes to indicate it is safe to walk, **ALWAYS LOOK BOTH WAYS** before entering the crosswalk to make sure there are no cars running the red light or are turning right or left across the sidewalk.
- When the upraised hand begins flashing, you have enough time to finish crossing, but you should not begin crossing if you haven't left the curb yet.
- Some crosswalks have a countdown signal that lets you know how much time you have left to cross the intersection.
- When the upraised hand is solid, you should already be across the street or waiting on the curb for the next signal. You will not have enough time to cross the street safely.

**Time to put our skills to the test! Show Mia and Max that you know how to arrive safely at the library by circling all the unsafe behaviors shown in the image below.**



Circle all the unsafe behaviors shown in the image.

**Can you help Mia and Max find their way to the library?**



**Start Here**





**Connect the dots numbered 1-93  
to complete Wes' armor.**

# Thank you for helping Mia, Max and friends arrive safely at the library!

We learned so many tips along the way and now it's time to share your knowledge with others. Take the quiz below then have some fun with your friends and family by asking them the questions below. Good luck!

1. While crossing the street, you should:
  - a. Always look both ways before crossing the street
  - b. Stay alert and pay attention to surrounding traffic
  - c. Make eye contact with drivers to communicate you see them and they see you
  - d. All of the above
  
2. True or False: If a sidewalk isn't available, you should walk on the side of the road facing traffic.  

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3. True or False: You only have to wear reflective gear at nighttime.  

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4. If you need to cross the street but a crosswalk is unavailable, you should:
  - a. Cross between two parked cars
  - b. Copy whatever other nearby pedestrians do
  - c. Cross at a corner or intersection.
  
5. True or False: As long as you're not driving a car, it's okay to wear headphones, call someone or send a text.  

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6. If you're halfway across the street and the green **WALK** signal changes to a flashing **DON'T WALK** signal, you should:
- Turn around and go back
  - Keep walking at a normal pace to get to the other side of the street
  - Run the rest of the way across the street
7. What is the name of the person whose job it is to help people, especially school children, cross intersections safely? Hint: They carry a Stop/Slow sign.
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8. Before stepping off the curb to cross the street, what should you always do?
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9. After looking left, right and left again for oncoming traffic, why should you also look behind you?
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10. What does the countdown on a traffic signal mean?
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### ANSWER KEY:

Answers: 1. d., 2. True. If you have to walk on the side of the road, you should walk against traffic. This lets you make eye-contact with drivers and make quick judgments to protect yourself. 3. False. If you're walking or biking, you should wear reflective gear when the sun is going up or down, and also during foggy or rainy weather. This helps you be more easily seen by drivers. 4. c., 5. False. It's just as important to stay alert when you're out walking or biking. Avoid texting, listening to music, wearing headphones, or anything that keeps your eyes and ears from staying on the road. 6. b., 7. Crossing Guard, 8. Look to the left, then to the right, then left again for oncoming traffic., 9. You should also look behind you to make sure cars aren't turning and a bicyclist isn't coming. 10. Countdown signals indicate how many seconds remain for crossing.

# HEY, KIDS! DON'T FORGET:

- Look left, right and left again before crossing the street
- Don't play on your smart phone when crossing the street or walking in an area with a lot of cars
- Follow all traffic signs and signals
- Expect the unexpected

