

# Railway Crossings

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This task is about reading to find information and make inferences.

Read the poster about riding a bike across a railway level crossing and answer the questions. Click on 'Next' at the bottom of the page to start.

# RAILWAY LEVEL CROSSINGS

**What's heavier, a train or a bicycle?**

**No prize for answering that one right!**

Be extra careful when riding over railway or tram lines as cycle wheels could

- slip on the rail, or
- jam in the grooves beside the rails.

As soon as you see one of these signs, slow down and be ready to stop. If there's

- a stop sign, or
- the red lights are flashing, or
- the bells are going, or
- the barrier arm is down

then you must stop. Stay stopped and only cross when you're sure that:

- there's no train coming, and
- the lights have stopped flashing, and
- the bells have stopped ringing, and
- the barrier arm has lifted.

The last thing you want to do is get into an argument with a train. It's you that'll end up the pancake. So, be really careful if you're riding along and you see one of these signs. They show that you're coming up to a railway level crossing.

Don't ride across as soon as the train has passed. There could be another train coming from the opposite direction!

a) What is one thing that could happen to cycle wheels when riding over train lines?

b) Name the four things that show you must stop at a railway level crossing.

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c) What could happen if you try to cross the tracks as soon as a train has passed?

d) What is meant by "No prize for answering that one right!"?

e) What is meant by "The last thing you want to do is get into an argument with a train."?

f) What is the purpose of this advertisement?

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