

NEWS SNIPPET

In 2010 South Africa will have a brand-new public transport system. A reliable, efficient and punctual bus service is being established in the major cities and is expected to be in operation in 2010. Find out more at www.arrivealive.co.za/pages.aspx?i=2874

PEDESTRIANS

Many pedestrians don't give a thought to road safety and think they can walk where they choose. As a pedestrian you have certain responsibilities.

- Walk on the pavement, not in the road. Leave room for others on the pavement so they're not forced to walk on the road to pass you.
- Where there's no pavement walk on the right side of the road so you can immediately see oncoming vehicles.

- The safest option is to cross the road at a **zebra crossing or traffic lights** – cross quickly when you see the green man.
- You must cross national roads at the **overhead pedestrian bridges**.
- **See and be seen.** Never cross the road in front of or behind a vehicle. Make eye contact with motorists before crossing the road so you know they have seen you. Remember to check for cars at entrances and exits (to parking lots, for example). When you and your friends pass a driveway look for vehicles.
- Wear **bright colours** to make it easier for motorists to see you, reducing your risk of being run over. □

- How to cross the road safely**
- **Look right, left and right again** for oncoming traffic.
 - If there's no oncoming traffic cross the road but **stay cautious** and keep listening and looking for oncoming traffic.
 - Cross the road quickly but **don't run** because it increases the risk of falling and also makes you less observant.
 - Cross in a **straight line** – it's

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Cut out these numbers and keep them in your school bag or store them on your cellphone.

Police 10111
 Ambulance 10177
 Emergency call 112
 Netcare 911 082911

1 Helpful Driver Tips when travelling, making sure we all Arrive Alive!

Seatbelts ALWAYS BUCKLE UP!

It is important for EVERYBODY in the vehicle to BUCKLE UP. The importance of wearing your seat belt is obvious. It is a life-saving device that can save your life in the event of an accident. It is the most important safety device in your car. It is the only one that you can control.

DO YOU KNOW?

- The law requires the occupants of any car to wear their seatbelts.
- It is the law to wear your seat belt when you are driving or riding in a motor vehicle.
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2a Helpful Driver Tips when travelling, making sure we all Arrive Alive!

Pedestrians Be Alert... Be on the Lookout!

Before venturing as a pedestrian, it is important to always be alert. Pedestrians should always be on the lookout for vehicles. Pedestrians should always be on the lookout for vehicles. Pedestrians should always be on the lookout for vehicles.

3 Be seen. Be safe.

Always wear bright colours when walking at night.

Arrive Alive Call Centre Number 0861400 800

4 Alcohol Leads to Fatal Accidents!

Alcohol affects your vision, judgement and ability to react quickly.

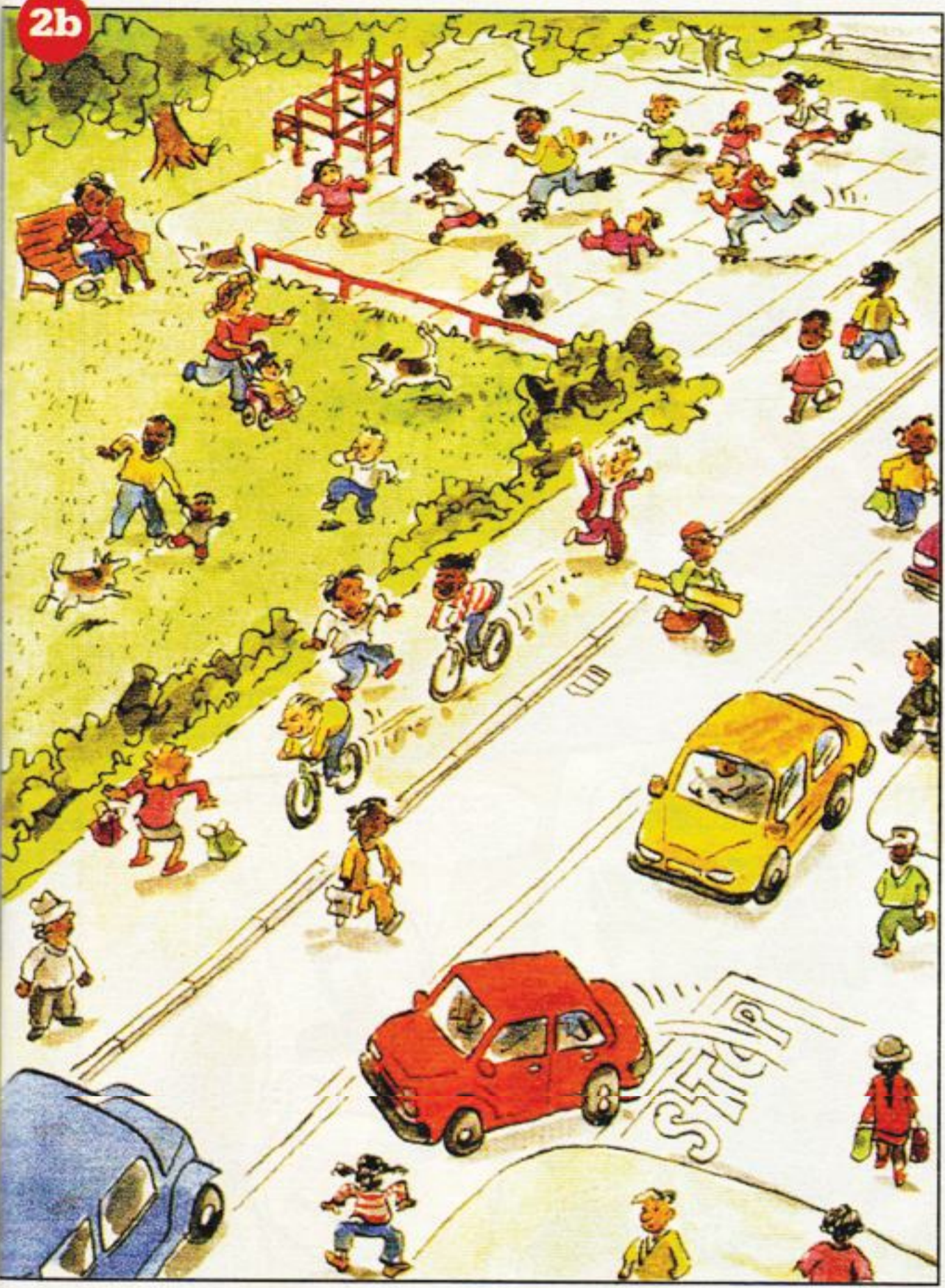
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Download these posters and others from www.arrivealive.co.za for your classroom.

TIPS FOR PEDESTRIANS

If you want to cross a busy road it's best to use crossings with traffic lights. Make sure you understand how pedestrian crossings work. There is a button to press and it will take a while for the light to turn red for cars. A green man will appear as seen in this photograph. That means it's safe for you to cross. Always confirm this by looking right, left and right again. If the man is red you may not cross the road and the traffic has right of way. Press the pedestrian button and wait for the light to change to green.

Every year more than 10 000 people, 40 per cent of them pedestrians, die on SA roads.



Find out more

On the www

- Go to www.oli.org for information about safety on trains.
- SA road safety campaign Arrive Alive has lots of advice and tips on road safety. Educators will benefit by visiting www.arrivealive.co.za
- Read about the Gautrain project at www.gautrain.co.za

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For educators

Read and discuss

After reading the article with the learners, hold a class discussion on the following:

- Who has encountered a dangerous situation on the road in the past week? What happened? Could it have been avoided?
- Do you think consciously about what happens around you while on the road or are you occupied with other things such as SMSes, talking, daydreaming or looking at other things?
- Who do you think are the biggest culprits on the road? Why?
- Do you think you can contribute to safety on our roads? How?

Discuss the posters

Download the posters (left) at www.arrivealive.co.za.

POSTER 1

Let the learners work in pairs. Give them time to study the poster. Ask them to write the answers to these questions in their workbooks:

- * What is the poster about?
- * How much time does the average passenger have to react in an accident?
- * Why do you have to buckle up?
- * How should children in the back of a vehicle buckle up when there is no special child safety seat or seatbelt?
- * What is the phone number of the Arrive Alive call centre?
- * Three organisations support the Arrive Alive campaign. Which are they?
- * Name two situations in which drivers should adjust their speed.

	Agree and why	Disagree and why
A striking, creative poster		
We could read it clearly and the information was instructive		
General mark out of 5 5 = best mark 0 = weakest mark		

POSTER 2

Let the learners work in pairs again to study poster (2a). Now look at the picture (2b) alongside.

- * Certain pedestrians are taking risks? What rules of the road are being broken? (Answers below.)
- * What other risky behaviour do you see in the poster? (Answers below.)

POSTER 3

Let learners work in groups and give each group a name related to road safety. Give them time to study poster 3. Read the section about pedestrian visibility in the article with the learners. Each group must redesign the poster about pedestrian visibility. They should use their imagination to produce a creative, attractive poster.

- * Use bright colours that are easy to see – pedestrians should also be visible.
- * Add a few tips on pedestrian visibility when crossing roads.
- * Make it brief and punchy. A poster with too much information is hard to read.

POSTER 4

Give learners time to study the poster and hold a class discussion on the following:

- * Do you think the headline is somewhat blurred? Why?
- * Do you think it's right to drink and drive? Can one drink a little or is it better not to drink at all? Why?
- * How would you feel if one of your parents or guardians were killed by a drunk driver?