

Free Riders

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Before reading

1. Look at the cover of the book. Where are the children?
2. What are they doing?
3. Do you like to ride a bicycle?
4. In your opinion, why is the book called "Free Riders"?

Check your reading

Chapter 1

1. Complete the sentences.
 - a. Alex is _____ years old, and he lives in _____.
 - b. His best friends are _____ and _____.
 - c. Alex loves _____.
2. What does "MTB" mean? Is Alex interested in it? How about his friends?
3. Where do they look for information about MTB?

Chapter 2

1. What's the name of the MTB teacher?
2. Match the words to the pictures.

a. helmet

b. gloves

c. knee pad

d. elbow pads



Chapter 3

1. Put the sentences in the correct order.

____ Alex goes to Mike's house and calls Mike's father.

____ Mike doesn't see a rock in the way.

____ Alex and Karla are sad.

____ Mike's father takes him to the hospital.

____ The Free Riders go biking near their houses.

____ Mike hits the rock and falls.

2. Who says these things?

"MTB is dangerous." _____

"I don't want to quit." _____

"It's dangerous, but most sports are dangerous." _____

Chapter 4

Are these sentences true or false? Check (✓) T (true) or F (false).

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| a. One month later, Mike is still at the hospital. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b. Mike doesn't want to quit MTB. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c. They see a poster about an MTB event in the cafeteria. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d. They decide to go to the event. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| e. There aren't many people at the event. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Chapter 5

1. After the event, the Free Riders have an idea. What is it?
2. What do they do to create the Web site?
3. Is the Web site popular?

After reading

1. Look at the pictures in the book and tell the story using your own words.
2. After the accident, Alex and Karla don't want to go biking anymore, but Mike does. In your opinion, who is right? Why?
3. Make a poster about safety tips in sports.
4. Write some sentences using these words:
 - a. sports, b. safety, c. choice, d. friendship