



VOCABULARY BANK

Safety and Rules

Safety and Rules | Bank 1: road safety and public behaviour | Cambridge IGCSE ESL 0511

1. Quick confidence check

Before you study the topic, mark the column that best describes your confidence with each word or phrase.

Word or phrase	New to me	I recognise it	I can use it
road safety	☐	☐	☐
traffic rules	☐	☐	☐
pedestrian crossing	☐	☐	☐
cycle lane	☐	☐	☐
wear a helmet	☐	☐	☐
speed limit	☐	☐	☐
public behaviour	☐	☐	☐
respect others	☐	☐	☐
follow instructions	☐	☐	☐
avoid danger	☐	☐	☐
act responsibly	☐	☐	☐
keep people safe	☐	☐	☐

2. Vocabulary bank

Here are some useful words, adjectives, verbs and chunks that can be reused in exam answers. If you are not sure of their meaning, check online or ask your teacher.

Category	Useful vocabulary
Road safety	road safety, traffic rules, pedestrian crossing, cycle lane, speed limit, wear a helmet
Public behaviour	public behaviour, respect others, follow instructions, queue politely, avoid danger, act responsibly
Safety advice	keep people safe, pay attention, report a problem, use common sense, prevent accidents, stay alert
Opinion chunks	People should follow rules because..., It is dangerous to..., One way to prevent accidents is..., In public places, people need to..., This keeps people safe by...

3. Match the meaning

Match each word or phrase with the correct meaning. Then choose four and write your own examples.

Word or phrase	Meaning
1. road safety	a. the fastest speed allowed on a road
2. pedestrian crossing	b. behave in a careful and sensible way
3. speed limit	c. ways of preventing accidents on roads
4. public behaviour	d. pay close attention to what is happening
5. act responsibly	e. a marked place where people can cross a road
6. stay alert	f. the way people act in shared places

4. Build useful chunks

Choose useful chunks from the grid. Then write three natural sentences you could use in a speaking or writing answer.

road safety	traffic rules	pedestrian crossing
wear a helmet	speed limit	cycle lane
public behaviour	respect others	act responsibly

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

5. Read in context

Read the text. The bold words are from the vocabulary bank.

Rules That Protect People

Rules in public places are not only there to control people. Many rules are designed to **keep people safe** and prevent accidents.

For example, **road safety** depends on drivers, cyclists and pedestrians following **traffic rules**. A cyclist should use a cycle lane when possible and wear a helmet.

Pedestrians also need to **stay alert** and use a **pedestrian crossing** instead of crossing a busy road suddenly.

Good **public behaviour** matters too. People should respect others, follow instructions and act responsibly so that shared places feel safe and comfortable.

6. Check your understanding

Answer the questions in your own words. Use the vocabulary bank where it fits naturally.

READING CHECK

1. Why are many public rules designed?

2. Who needs to follow traffic rules?

3. What should pedestrians do near a busy road?

4. How can people make shared places feel safe?

VOCABULARY IN CONTEXT

What does 'pedestrian crossing' mean?

- A. A marked place where people can cross a road
- B. A special road for buses only
- C. A private parking space
- D. A person who drives too fast

What is the writer's main point?

- A. Rules can protect people when everyone acts responsibly.
- B. Public rules are never useful.
- C. Only drivers need to think about safety.
- D. Shared places should not have instructions.

7. Use the vocabulary

Task	What to do
Speaking 1	Describe one rule that helps keep people safe.
Speaking 2	Discuss this question: Are public rules sometimes too strict?
Writing	Write a short paragraph giving advice about road safety.
Review	Return to the confidence table. Choose one item you want to improve and write a clear example sentence.

8. Topic discussion questions

Use these for pair work, small-group discussion, or speaking-test warm-up practice.

- What road safety rule is most important?
- Should cyclists always wear helmets?
- How should people behave in crowded public places?
- Why do some people ignore rules?
- How can schools teach students to act responsibly?

**ANSWER KEY**

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3. Match the meaning

1. c = ways of preventing accidents on roads
2. e = a marked place where people can cross a road
3. a = the fastest speed allowed on a road
4. f = the way people act in shared places
5. b = behave in a careful and sensible way
6. d = pay close attention to what is happening

6. Check your understanding

1. To keep people safe and prevent accidents.
 2. Drivers, cyclists and pedestrians.
 3. Stay alert and use a pedestrian crossing.
 4. By respecting others, following instructions and acting responsibly.
- MCQ 1: A. A marked place where people can cross a road.
- MCQ 2: A. Rules can protect people when everyone acts responsibly.