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Maria's school bus trip – Easy

Maria was excited as she waited for the school bus. Today she was returning to school after the long summer holiday. She had not seen her friends for six weeks.

When the bus arrived, Maria stayed well back from the edge of the road and waited for the bus to stop completely before she got on board. She chose a seat, sat down quickly and put her bag underneath her seat to keep the aisle clear.

One of Maria's friends, Emma, got on at the next stop. She was so excited to see Maria that she started to rush towards her. Then Emma remembered that she was supposed to take her seat on the school bus quickly and quietly. She sat down next to Maria.

Once Maria and Emma arrived at school they waited for the bus to come to a complete stop before they picked up their bags and got off. They moved away from the bus and waited for it to leave.

Then they stopped and looked left and right to check for any approaching traffic. They spotted a car coming towards them and waited for it to pass. Then they looked left and right again and listened for any approaching traffic. Could they see any approaching traffic? Could they hear any traffic coming their way?

They thought about whether it was safe to cross and when the road was clear, they crossed quickly.

After school Maria lined up again to wait for the bus. She was careful to stay away from the edge of the pavement and the bus as it arrived. She moved away from the bus until it stopped and opened its doors.

When Maria arrived at her bus stop she saw her Mum parked on the other side of the road. She got off the bus and moved away from the bus and the edge of the pavement.

Maria stopped and waited patiently for the bus to leave before she tried to cross the road. She then looked and listened carefully for any approaching traffic. Maria kept looking left and right.

Once Maria saw the road was clear, she knew it was safe to go. Maria crossed the road quickly. She kept looking left and right and she kept listening for traffic.

Once Maria reached the other side of the road she gave her Mum a big hug. She couldn't wait to tell her about all the great things she had learned at school that day.

QUESTIONS:

1. What did Maria do quickly when she got on the bus?
2. What did Emma remember when she got on the bus?
3. What did Maria and Emma do before they got off the bus?
4. Did they wait for the school bus to leave before they tried to cross the road?
5. What did Maria look and listen for before she crossed the road?
6. When did Maria know it would be safe for her to go?
7. What did she keep doing as she crossed the road?



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Solutions

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- 1. What did Maria do quickly when she got on the bus?**
She sat down and put her bag under her seat.
- 2. What did Emma remember when she got on the bus?**
She remembered that she was not supposed to run on the bus.
- 3. What did Maria and Emma do before they got off the bus?**
They waited for the bus to come to a complete stop.
- 4. Did they wait for the school bus to leave before they tried to cross the road?**
Yes.
- 5. What did Maria look and listen for before she crossed the road?**
She looked and listened for approaching traffic.
- 6. When did Maria know it would be safe for her to cross?**
She knew it would be safe to cross when the road was clear of approaching traffic.
- 7. What did she keep doing as she crossed the road?**
She kept looking left and right and she kept listening.

