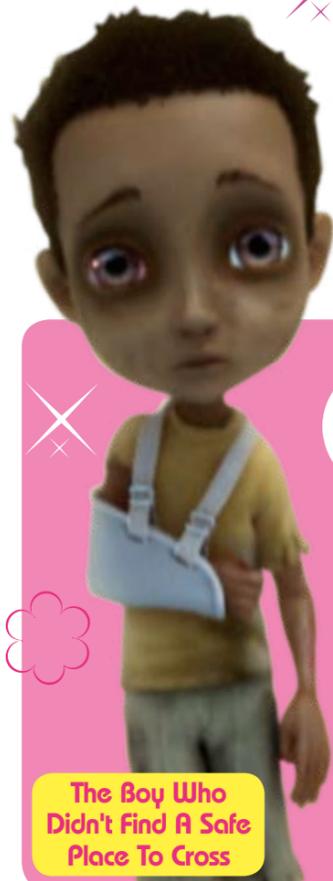




# Stop, look, listen

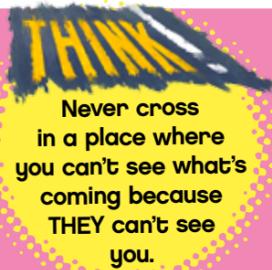
Everyone needs to be road smart, so read these tales and see how you can improve your safety.



**The Boy Who Didn't Find A Safe Place To Cross**

## Crossing calamity

The Boy Who Didn't Find A Safe Place To Cross has REALLY had to pay for his lazy ways. Out and about one day, he couldn't be bothered to find a safe place to cross the road, so he stepped out on a bend. Of course, cars couldn't see he was there until it was too late and he got knocked over. Now he has broken bones and bruises.



**GT Goss code**

Try not to cross between



where you can't be seen.

## Look out

The Boy Who Didn't Stop Look And Listen was a star of the pitch... until he crossed the road one day, without looking, and was hit by a car. "I just ran out and didn't see what was coming," he grumbled. "Now I can't play football because my leg is broken." Does he have any words of advice for us? "Yes! Stop, look and listen! I wish I had."

**GT Goss code**

Never cross the road while you are



so that you can hear cars coming



**The Boy Who Didn't Stop Look And Listen**

“They couldn't see me!”



**The Girl Who Didn't Wear Bright Colours**



Fashion Fan The Girl Who Didn't Wear Bright Colours has just had to pay for her style. On the way home from school on a grey afternoon, this design diva was dressed in dark colours. She just blended into the background and drivers couldn't see her. And yes, the worst happened: a car hit her. Now she's not looking so trendy with her bruises, bandages and a neck brace. If only she'd remembered that it's much cooler to Be Bright, Be Seen.



## Don't forget!

Here are our top three tips for staying safe when crossing roads.

### 1 Stop, look & listen

#### Stop

- ♥ Find the safest place to cross, then STOP.
- ♥ Stand on the pavement near the kerb.

#### Look

- ♥ Give yourself lots of time to look all around and work out where vehicles will be coming from.
- ♥ Make sure you can see if anything is coming and that drivers will be able to see you.

#### Listen

- ♥ Listen carefully – sometimes you can hear traffic before you can see it.
- ♥ Never cross the road while chatting, listening to music or on the phone.
- ♥ When it's safe, walk straight across the road. Don't walk diagonally.

### 2 Be bright, be seen

- ♥ Wear colourful or fluorescent clothing when you go out on a dark day, so the cars can see you coming.
- ♥ Customise your backpack – adding cool reflective zips, clips and stickers is a great way to be seen.
- ♥ Wear reflective gear or accessories in the evenings, so cars can see you in their headlights.

### 3 Find a safer place to cross

- ♥ Try to cross at pedestrian crossings, zebra crossings, pelican crossings, puffin crossings and islands only.
- ♥ NEVER cross in a place where you can't see what could be speeding just around the corner, and try to avoid crossing near the top of a hill or between parked cars.

