TEST YOUR TRAIN SAFETY KNOWLEDGE

THE FOLLOWING ARE SOME COMMON BELIEFS ABOUT TRAINS. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING ARE TRUE AND WHICH ARE FALSE?
IT'S OK TO WALK ON TRACKS WHEN THERE ARE NO TRAINS AROUND.

T or F?
Trains can come at any time, on any track, from any direction.

It is never safe to walk on train tracks.
I WILL HEAR A TRAIN APPROACHING.

T or F?
TRAINS CAN BE INCREDIBLY QUIET.

YOU MIGHT NOT HEAR AN ONCOMING TRAIN IN TIME TO GET OUT OF THE WAY.
IF A TRAIN COMES, I CAN MOVE OUT OF THE WAY IN TIME.

T or F?
Trains move much more quickly than you do.

The only way to be safe is to never be on the tracks.
A TRAIN WILL
STOP IN TIME TO
AVOID HITTING
A PERSON.

BELIEF

T or F?
IT CAN TAKE A TRAIN A MILE OR MORE TO COME TO A FULL STOP.

THAT’S THE LENGTH OF 18 FOOTBALL FIELDS.
A train will stop, but it might not be able to stop in time to avoid hitting a person on the tracks.
IT'S SAFE TO GET CLOSE TO A STOPPED TRAIN.

T or F?

BELIEF
A STOPPED TRAIN CAN START MOVING AT ANY TIME.

IF THE TRAIN STARTS MOVING UNEXPECTEDLY, YOU MIGHT GET HURT.
IT IS NEVER SAFE TO GET CLOSE TO A TRAIN, EVEN IF IT’S STOPPED.
MISCONCEPTIONS

ALL OF THESE COMMON BELIEFS ARE FALSE.
Because of these misconceptions, everyday people get hurt doing things they don’t realize are unsafe around railroad tracks.

WE WANT YOU TO BE SAFE AROUND TRAINS AND TRACKS.
Trains, even passenger trains, **DO NOT** always run on a schedule. They can run **ANY TIME** of the day or night. They can run on **ANY TRACK**, at **ANY TIME**, from **ANY DIRECTION**.
Trains cannot swerve to avoid something in their path the way cars can.

TRAINS DON’T HAVE STEERING WHEELS LIKE CARS DO.

A TRAIN CAN ONLY FOLLOW THE TRACKS.
People often think that tracks are safe if there is no train.

People think they will hear an approaching train in time to move a safe distance away. Unfortunately, this isn’t the case. Many people don’t realize that trains can be very quiet and can sneak up on you.
SOME OF THE PEOPLE IN THESE ILLUSTRATIONS ARE BREAKING THE LAW.
DO YOU KNOW WHAT LAW THEY ARE BREAKING?
ALL OF THESE PEOPLE ARE TRESPASSING.
“Trespassing” is going somewhere you’re not supposed to go, like walking into a stranger’s house without permission.

TRESPASSING IS AGAINST THE LAW.

This law is meant to keep us safe.
IS THE MIDDLE OF THE STREET A GOOD PLACE TO WALK OR PLAY?
OF COURSE NOT!

Train tracks are similar to a street. Even if no train is present, the tracks are NEVER a safe place to walk or play. Trains can run on ANY TRACK from ANY DIRECTION at ANY TIME.
PROPERTY SURROUNDING THE TRACKS IS CALLED THE RAILROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY.

This can include gravel service roads and green space beside the tracks.
It belongs to the railroad and just like walking on the tracks it is **DANGEROUS AND ILLEGAL** to walk in these areas.
STOPPED TRAINS CAN MOVE WITHOUT WARNING.
IT IS NEVER SAFE
to play on or near a stopped train— you could get hurt.
OBJECTS PLACED ON TRAIN TRACKS CAN BE DANGEROUS EVEN VERY SMALL ONES!
When a train hits an object on the tracks, it can fly off at high speed and hurt someone.
WHERE DO YOU CROSS THE TRACKS?

YOU SHOULD ONLY CROSS TRAIN TRACKS AT A DESIGNATED CROSSING, SUCH AS:

- SIDEWALKS
- PEDESTRIAN OVERPASSES
- OR PEDESTRIAN UNDERPASSES
JUST LIKE CARS ON A STREET, TRAINS ON THE TRACKS RUN IN BOTH DIRECTIONS

When one passes, another may be coming on a different track. It is important to look in both directions and listen carefully before crossing.
IT IS NEVER SAFE TO BE ON A TRAIN TRESTLE, BRIDGE, OR IN A TUNNEL.

THE TRAIN IS WIDER THAN THE TRACKS, WHICH MEANS THERE IS NO ROOM FOR ANYTHING OR ANYONE ELSE.
ADVANCED WARNING
This sign warns you that the road crosses railroad tracks ahead.

CROSSBUCK
This sign marks the crossing; you should look both ways and listen for the train.

FLASHING RED LIGHTS
When the red lights are flashing, it means a train is coming.
CAN YOU SPOT ALL OF THE RAILROAD SIGNS IN THIS IMAGE?

DO YOU REMEMBER WHAT THEY MEAN?
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THANK YOU