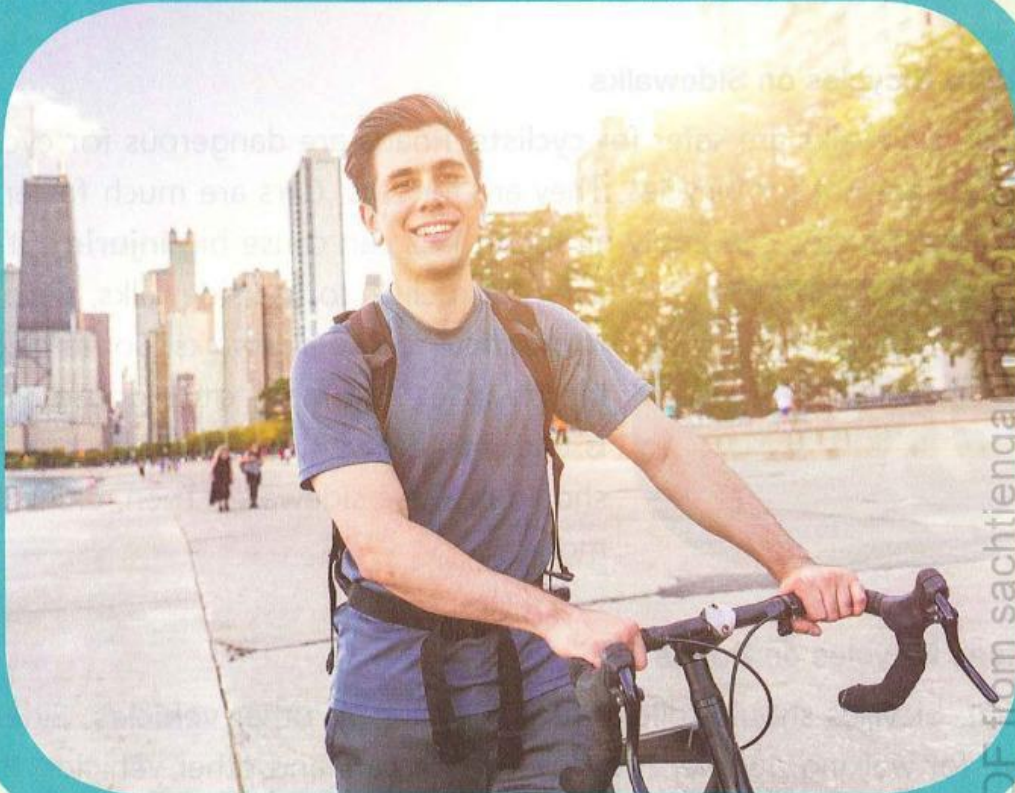


# Unit 04

## Bicycles on Sidewalks



### Warm-Up

Hãy cùng bạn học trả lời các câu hỏi dưới đây.

- 1 Do you like riding bicycles?
- 2 Do you ride your bicycle on the road or on the sidewalk?
- 3 Is it dangerous to ride a bicycle on the sidewalk? Why?

### Introducing the Topic

Today, more people are riding bicycles because they want to be healthy. They also want to make less pollution. Many people in cities like Beijing and Tokyo use bicycles. The problem is where people can ride bicycles. Should they ride on roads with cars? Should they ride on sidewalks with people walking?



## Learning about the Topic

Should bicycles be allowed on sidewalks?



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Lots of people ride bicycles in cities. It helps them save money and energy. But riding bicycles on roads can be dangerous because there are cars on them. Some people think bicycles should use sidewalks instead.

### Allow Bicycles on Sidewalks

First, sidewalks are safer for **cyclists**. Roads are dangerous for cyclists. Roads are not for bicycles. They are for cars. Cars are much faster than cyclists. So cars can easily hit them. This can cause big **injuries**. It is



safer for cyclists to use sidewalks. Second, it is **practical** to use sidewalks. Some cities have bicycle lanes. But many cities do not. The reason is that they are very expensive to build. Cyclists should just use sidewalks. Then, cities can save money.

### Keep Bicycles on Roads

First, bicycles should follow the same rules as other **vehicles**. Sidewalks are for walking people. They are not for cars and other vehicles. Bicycles are also vehicles. So they should also ride on roads, not sidewalks. This is why riding bikes on sidewalks is illegal in some cities. Next, bicycles are dangerous for **pedestrians**. Bicycles move about 15 kilometers per hour. But people walk only five kilometers per hour. Because of the speed difference, cyclists cannot always avoid walking people. People could get hurt badly. For this reason, bicycles should use roads.



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## Vocabulary Check

Chọn câu trả lời thích hợp cho từng câu hỏi dưới đây.

practical      injury      vehicles      pedestrians      cyclists

1. This road is only for \_\_\_\_\_. Cars are not allowed on it.
2. I couldn't play basketball because of my \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Students need to get \_\_\_\_\_ experience outside the classroom.
4. Cars, buses, and trucks are all different types of \_\_\_\_\_.
5. In my city, \_\_\_\_\_ must always wear helmets.

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## Comprehension Questions

Chọn câu trả lời đúng cho từng câu hỏi dưới đây.

1. Why are roads dangerous for cyclists?
  - a. Because cars can hurt cyclists very much
  - b. Because cyclists do not use bicycle lanes
2. How can letting cyclists use sidewalks help cities save money?
  - a. They let cars drive faster on the road.
  - b. They do not have to build bicycle lanes.
3. Why is it illegal to ride bicycles on sidewalks in some cities?
  - a. Because it makes cities dirtier and more dangerous
  - b. Because bicycles are vehicles and they should use roads
4. Why is it hard for cyclists to avoid pedestrians on sidewalks?
  - a. Because bicycles move too fast to avoid people
  - b. Because people are running on sidewalks

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