

READING COMPREHENSION

THE BICIBÚS IN BARCELONA

Name: _____

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Read the passage and choose the best answer (A, B, C, or D).

PASSAGE

In Spain, children are riding bikes to school together in large groups. The program is called *bicibús*, which means “bike bus”. In Barcelona, the program started recently with only five children and grew quickly to hundreds of riders.

In the Eixample area of Barcelona, the bike bus begins around 8:25 in the morning. The path it will follow is always posted online before then, so everyone knows where to join. It starts with just a few students and parents, with more people joining on the way. Most kids ride their bikes, but others ride scooters or use skates. Instead of riding in bike lanes or on sidewalks, the bike bus takes over the entire street. With music playing and bike bells ringing, the bike bus feels like a party.

Being able to ride with a bunch of kids is a big part of the fun. Nine-year-old María Pitarch says, “The best part of the *bicibús* is that we ride along and pick up my friends and we ride together.”

32 At the beginning, the bike bus in Barcelona _____.

A. only had five children

B. was not called *bicibús*

C. grew very slowly

D. included thousands of riders

33 The path for the bike bus is posted _____.

A. on the Internet

B. at 8:25 p.m.

C. at schools

D. in the streets

34 According to the passage, kids cannot join the bike bus on _____.

A. skates

B. buses

C. bicycles

D. scooters

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Which of the following statements is TRUE according to the passage?

- A. Children in the bike bus can ride on sidewalks.
- B. It feels like a party because there are bell sounds and music.
- C. All the children in the bike bus ride with their parents.
- D. People cannot join the bike bus along the way.

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María thinks the best part of the bike bus is _____.

- A. riding in the street
- B. riding around the city
- C. riding along with her family
- D. riding together with her friends