



FROM WALKING TO BIKING

The first bicycle was made of wood. The hobby horse had two wheels but now pedals. You didn't ride it – you walked it.

The velocipede came next. Velocipedes had pedals so people could ride them. But velocipedes were difficult to ride on stone streets. These “boneshakers” hurt your bones.

Later, people rode a new kind of bicycle called a “high wheeler.” It was made of metal and had a high front wheel so people often fell off!

The next bicycle had two wheels of the same size. This design became the standard for modern children's bicycles. Now everyone enjoys bicycles.

I. Read. Circle T (True) or F (False)

1. You couldn't ride the hobby horse because it didn't have wheels. **T** **F**
2. You could ride velocipedes on cobblestone streets easily. **T** **F**
3. People made high wheelers before boneshakers. **T** **F**
4. People fell off from a high wheeler because of its front wheel **T** **F**
5. Today children's bicycles have two wheels of different sizes. **T** **F**

II. Answer the questions.

1. What is the text about?
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2. How many kinds of bicycle are there in the text?
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3. What did people use to make the first bicycle?
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4. Why did people call velocipedes “boneshakers”?
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5. What is the standard design for modern children's bicycles?
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III. Fill in the blanks with ONE word from the reading text. (SB p.66)

