READING

1 **BEFORE YOU READ** Look at the picture. What do you think the story is about?

Six-Year-Old Boy Drives Mom's Car to School!



When a six-year-old boy from Virginia, USA, missed the school bus, he wasn't happy. He always had breakfast at school, and he didn't want to miss it. He had an unusual and **reckless** solution to his problem. He took the keys to his mom's car while she was sleeping and drove her car to school. Well, he *almost* drove to school.

The boy drove along a highway, across a bridge, and through two intersections. He was driving faster than most cars on the road. He was traveling at more than 60 miles (100 kilometers) per hour when he passed some cars on a two-lane road. The other drivers saw the young boy and called the police.

While the police were racing to the scene, the boy crashed the car. A tractor drove towards him when he was overtaking another vehicle. The boy turned quickly, **lost control** of the car, and **smashed** into a pole. He drove 6 miles (10 kilometers) before he crashed.

When the police arrived, the boy was crying, but he was **unhurt**. He wanted to walk the rest of the way to school, but the police said, "No way!" Instead, they took him to the hospital to check for **injuries**. He was back at school in the afternoon.

The school principal was happy that the boy was **unharmed**, but she could not understand his actions. "What were you thinking?" she asked him. "I wanted to get to school," the boy replied. "I wanted my breakfast, and I didn't want to miss PE."

The boy isn't very tall. The police think he was probably standing up when he drove the car. In other words, he wasn't wearing a seat belt. He said he knew how to drive the car because he played a lot of video games.

Read the article. Put the events in the correct order.

- ☐ a. The police took the boy to the hospital.
- ☐ b. The boy missed his bus to school.
- ☐ c. The boy went to school in the afternoon.
- ☐ d. The boy took his mom's car keys.
- ☐ e. The boy overtook some cars.
- ☐ f. The boy crashed the car.

Read the article again. Choose (✓) *True* or *False*.

	True	False
1. The boy's mom knew he was driving the car.	☐	☐
2. The boy likes having breakfast at school.	☐	☐
3. When the police found the boy, he was happy.	☐	☐
4. He was wearing a seat belt while he was driving.	☐	☐
5. The boy's parents taught him to drive a car.	☐	☐

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