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A *Read the letter to the editor.*

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Avoid accidents to children!

Dear Editor,

Recently I have read many stories in your newspaper about children having accidents. In my opinion, people could avoid many of these accidents. If we are more careful, we can easily reduce the number of accidents.

One example is the story I read last Saturday about a three-year-old girl. She burnt herself badly on a pan in the kitchen of her home. Her mother was not there. She was talking to a neighbour in the corridor when her daughter hurt herself. Mothers should keep their children with them and should not leave them alone with dangerous things.

Another example is the news story about a ten-year-old cyclist in Wan Chai. He was waiting at traffic lights when a taxi knocked him off his bike. The taxi driver did not see him because he was checking a text message on his phone. This is very careless. To make things worse, the boy was not wearing a helmet while he was cycling. When he fell, he hit his head on the ground. Fortunately a passer-by called an ambulance but the cyclist is still in hospital.



These are just two examples of accident stories. There are many more. My students often tell me about accidents they have had. Let these stories be a lesson to us all. We need to be more careful so accidents do not happen. Think! The next person to be hurt may be your child!



Ron Green
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B Read the letter to the editor again. Finish the cyclist's diary entry using words from the letter.

13th March, sunny

I feel a bit better today but my ❶ _____ still hurts. From now on I will always wear a helmet when I ride my bike. The ❷ _____ driver came to see me today in hospital. He said he was sorry and said he will never again look at his ❸ _____ while he is driving.

C Blacken ● the circles.



Read the first and the last paragraphs carefully.

1 Ron Green wrote this letter to ____ .

- ○ A. give some advice to the cyclist
- ○ B. tell people to be more careful
- ○ C. ask the Editor to write fewer accident stories
- ○ D. describe home accidents

2 In the second paragraph, why did Ron Green think the accident happened?

- ○ A. The daughter was naughty.
- ○ B. The neighbour should not have talked to the mother.
- ○ C. The mother was not taking care of her child.
- ○ D. It was nobody's fault; accidents just happen.

3 Ron Green ____ .

- ○ A. saw the accident in Wan Chai
- ○ B. is a teacher
- ○ C. works for the Eastern Express
- ○ D. lives on Hong Kong Island

☆ 4 Read lines 18–19: The next person to be hurt may be your child! Why did Ron write this?

- ○ A. He thinks something bad will happen to the children of the readers of the Eastern Express.
- ○ B. He is going to hurt children.
- ○ C. He thinks we should all be more careful and try to avoid accidents to children.
- ○ D. He thinks parents do not know how to look after their children.

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