

The Broken Bicycle

Ahmad was ten years old when he received his favourite birthday gift: a bright blue bicycle. He rode it everywhere around his *kampung*. One sunny afternoon, Ahmad was riding his bicycle very fast down a steep hill.

Suddenly, a stray cat ran across the road. Ahmad pulled the brakes too hard. He flew off his bicycle and fell onto the rough ground. His knee was bleeding, and his elbow was badly scraped. The pain was terrible.

Ahmad sat on the side of the road and cried. A kind neighbour saw him, helped him get up, and walked him back home. His mother cleaned his wounds and gave him a warm drink.

Physical injuries heal after a few weeks, but the bad memory stayed with Ahmad for a long time. Every time he looked at his bicycle, he felt scared. It took him many months before he felt brave enough to ride his blue bicycle again.

Questions

Closed-Ended Questions

1. How old was Ahmad when he got his blue bicycle?

2. What colour was Ahmad's birthday gift?

3. What ran across the road while Ahmad was riding down the hill?

4. Who helped Ahmad when he fell down?

5. **True or False:** Ahmad felt brave enough to ride his bicycle again the next day.

Open-Ended Questions

6. Why did Ahmad pull his brakes too hard?

7. How did Ahmad's mother take care of him when he returned home?

8. Why do you think Ahmad felt scared whenever he looked at his bicycle?

9. Have you ever had a bad accident or scary memory? Describe what happened in two or three sentences.

10. What advice would you give to Ahmad to help him overcome his fear of riding his bicycle?
