

Read the text and mark the statements True (1), False (2), Not Stated (3).

Bicycle Helmets

Tom, a friend of mine, a college student, loves riding his bicycle at weekends. He especially enjoys taking long rides through the city. To my surprise, I found he never wears a helmet.

I began to wonder why a person who spends so much time and money developing his mind doesn't wear a helmet. Riding a bicycle without a helmet greatly increases his risk of brain injury (черепно-мозговая травма). Each year, over 50,000 people in the United States suffer some form of brain injury from a bicycle accident. Unfortunately, many of them have long-lasting effects. Getting medical treatment (лечение) can cost very big money and can take many years. Compare this waste of time and money with the \$40 you spend on a bicycle helmet. It is not always easy to get a friend to wear a bicycle helmet. Be patient! Give your friend time to come to his or her own decision about wearing one. Invite your friend to take a bicycle ride with you. Without saying anything, put your helmet on quietly. If you stop at a store during your bike ride, keep your helmet on. This will send a message that you are comfort-

able wearing a helmet both on and off your bike. If you remove it too quickly, your friend may think wearing a helmet is not very nice. Buying your friend a helmet as a present may not be such a good idea. Your friend may feel you are pushing too hard. Each person needs to reach his or her own conclusions (выводы) about safety and how to protect the body.

1. Tom goes to university by bike.
2. He loves riding in the country.
3. Riding a bicycle without a helmet is very dangerous.
4. Over 500 bicycle accidents happen in the USA every day.
5. Medical treatment for brain injury is very long and expensive (дорогой).
6. Bicycle helmets are not expensive.
7. One should make his friend wear a helmet when they go bike riding.
8. It takes several months to get a friend to wear a bicycle helmet.
9. Bicycle helmets as birthday presents are very popular.
10. If you set an example it'll help your friend start wearing a bicycle helmet.

