

Risk Every Day

Accidents and unexpected events can happen during ordinary activities.

SS.4.FL.6.2 "Explain that risk from accidents and unexpected events is an unavoidable part of daily life."

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline each example of an accident or unexpected event. Circle the sentence that explains why careful choices cannot make all risk disappear.

Why Risk Remains

- ① Every day, people take actions that have some chance of an accident or an unexpected event. This chance is called risk. A family may drive to school, cook dinner, or play outside. Most trips, meals, and games go as planned. Still, a tire can go flat, a pan can spill, or rain can begin suddenly. These events can cause injury, damage, or extra cost.
- ② People can make wise choices to lower some risks. Buckling a seat belt, drying a wet floor, and checking a weather report may make harm less likely. However, careful people cannot control every driver, every machine, or every change in weather. A seat belt cannot stop a crash from happening. It can help protect a person if a crash occurs. Lowering risk is different from making risk disappear.
- ③ Because daily life includes people, places, tools, and weather, risk cannot be fully avoided. A student might leave a backpack under a desk, then find that a water pipe leaked nearby. The student did not expect the leak, and being careful with the backpack would not control the pipe. People prepare for risks, but they understand that accidents and unexpected events remain part of ordinary life.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 Name two accidents or unexpected events from the first paragraph.

2 What can wise choices do about risk, and what can they not do?

3 Why would being careful with the backpack not stop the water pipe leak?

4 How does the passage show that risk is part of ordinary life?

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Describe one ordinary activity and an unexpected event that could happen during it. Explain one choice that could lower the risk and why the risk would still remain.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline each example of an accident or unexpected event. Circle the sentence that explains why careful choices cannot make all risk disappear. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Name two accidents or unexpected events from the first paragraph.	Any two: a tire goes flat, a pan spills, or rain begins suddenly.
2	What can wise choices do about risk, and what can they not do?	Wise choices can make harm less likely, but they cannot make all risk disappear.
3	Why would being careful with the backpack not stop the water pipe leak?	The student could not control the water pipe or prevent it from leaking.
4	How does the passage show that risk is part of ordinary life?	Ordinary activities such as driving, cooking, playing, and being at school can include accidents or unexpected events that people cannot fully control.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

During a bike ride to a friend's house, a loose dog could run into the street. I can wear a helmet and check my brakes, but I cannot control the dog. These choices lower my risk, yet they cannot make it disappear.

Accept any reasonable everyday activity and possible accident or unexpected event. The response must explain that a safety choice can lower risk but cannot remove all risk.