

## MIMI AND MACK BOOSTER SEAT PROBLEM

### Learning Objectives: Students will

1. Explain the need for protective equipment.
2. Listen critically to interpret and evaluate.
3. Participate in discussion of safety issues.
4. Create materials to express an idea.

**TEKS:** SS K.8A, K.8B, K.15B;  
ELAR K.21A, K.21B; Health K.2A

**Materials Needed:** puppets, script,  
booster seat outline, markers or crayons

**Vocabulary:** protection, booster seat,  
safety belt

### Teaching Strategy:

1. Introduce the lesson by enacting a puppet show, utilizing the attached script, "Mimi and Mack."
2. Check for understanding by asking the students to identify what the puppets were trying to teach.
3. Engage the students in a discussion about their experiences with booster seats.
4. As a culminating experience, assign students to design their ideal booster seat. They may add features such as a back, cup holders, technology, colors, and designs. Encourage creativity, even if impractical.
5. Allow students to display and explain what their ideal booster seat would look like and what features they would include.

### Extension for Gifted/Talented:

Students will create a 30 second advertisement for one of the ideal booster seats, including cost, where to purchase, and a name for the booster seat.

## MIMI AND MACK SCRIPT BOOSTER SEAT PROBLEM

- Mack: Psst! Mimi, come here. I've got a big problem.
- Mimi: What is it, Mack?
- Mack: My mom and dad just heard about a law that says that kids under eight have to sit in a child safety seat! I can't stand it! I'm too big for a child safety seat! I'll die if I have to sit in a child safety seat! What will everybody say? They'll call me a baby!
- Mimi: Relax, Mack. It's not a child safety seat. It's a booster seat! There's a big difference.
- Mack: There is...???
- Mimi: Yes, a child safety seat is for babies, toddlers, and kids up to 57 inches tall. There are five straps in that kind of car seat, but a booster seat uses the regular safety belts in the car.
- Mack: But I use those safety belts now and I hate them!
- Mimi: That's because they don't fit you right when you're sitting in the back seat. They're made for adults!
- Mack: Is that why I always feel like the shoulder strap is choking me?
- Mimi: Yes, but if you sit on a booster seat, it gets you up just a little higher, so that it actually comes over your shoulder, not your neck.
- Mack: Does a booster seat look like a baby seat?
- Mimi: No, some of them don't even have a back on them. It's just a seat, just your size. You can see out the windows better, too.
- Mack: Mimi, do YOU use a booster seat?
- Mimi: Yes, of course I do. It's the law, and besides, they're much more comfy than the regular seat. You should, too.
- Mack: OK, but only if it's not pink with little elephants on it or something dorky like that.
- Mimi: Don't worry. You're going to love it!

**THE PERFECT BOOSTER SEAT**

