

About Driving on the Right Side of the Road

This publication is a part of the Driving on the Right Side of the Road (DRSR) program, developed by the Law-Related Education Department of the State Bar of Texas, Law Focused Education, Inc., and the Texas Municipal Courts Education Center with funding from the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals and the Texas Department of Transportation. These organizations are very concerned about traffic safety in Texas communities. Motor vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death for 5-20 year olds in the United States. Young children are often hurt if they do not sit in a booster seat, do not wear their safety belt, do not obey traffic signals, or fail to wear protective equipment when bicycling, rollerblading, or skateboarding. The purpose of the DRSR program is to offer a preventive educational resource to encourage responsible decision-making and adherence to safe practices when children are in a car, on the street, or out in public.

DRSR has created a series of lessons for social studies classes at the elementary and secondary levels on citizenship education and traffic safety. The program is aligned with the TEKS (Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills), which all students are tested on in Texas public schools. Upper grade level lessons use student-centered, interactive strategies to teach traffic safety while studying city, state, and national government, the three branches of government, and the responsibilities of citizenship. Elementary lessons also use traffic safety content to teach language arts and math skills. Traffic safety games and information are also available on the DRSR website.

DRSR's Information Sheets provide teachers with background information about traffic laws and municipal court. DRSR can assist teachers in contacting local municipal judges, court support personnel, and city prosecutors to ask them to serve as resource persons in the classroom. Resource persons can bring the lessons alive by providing real life or hypothetical examples, accurate descriptions of what the law requires, and serve as positive role models for students.

We thank you for using these materials in your classrooms.

For more information and resources, please visit: www.drsr.info www.texaslre.org www.tmcec.com



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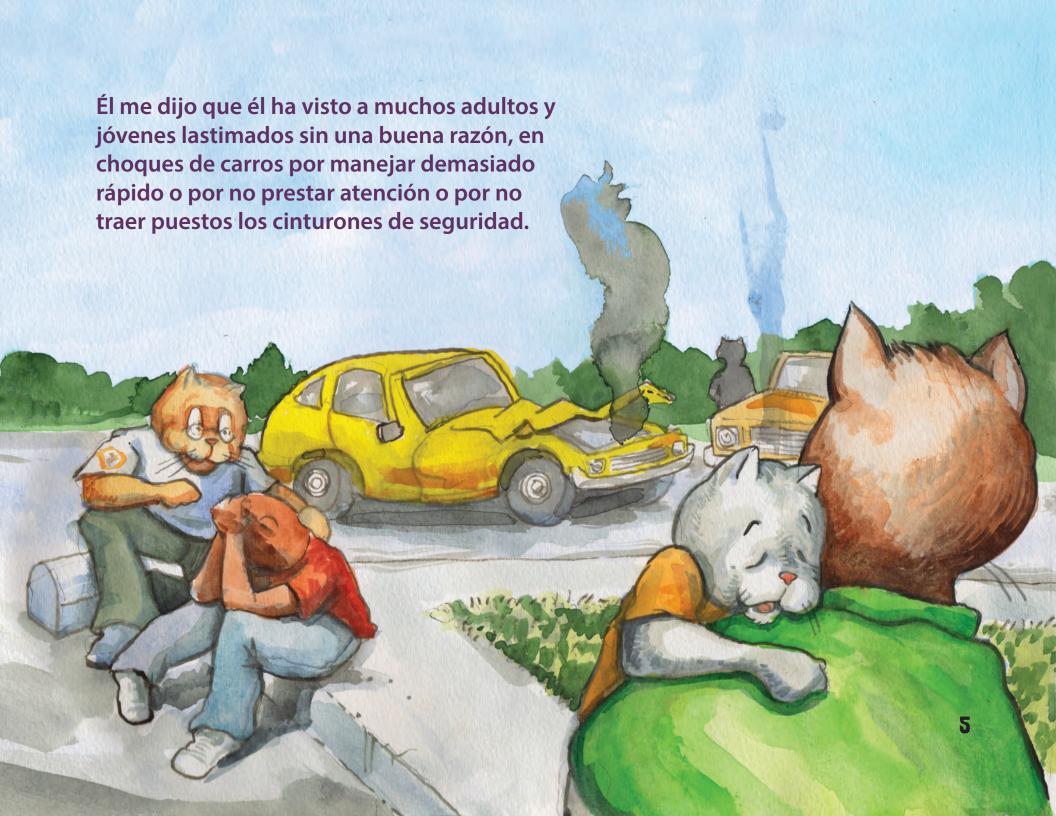


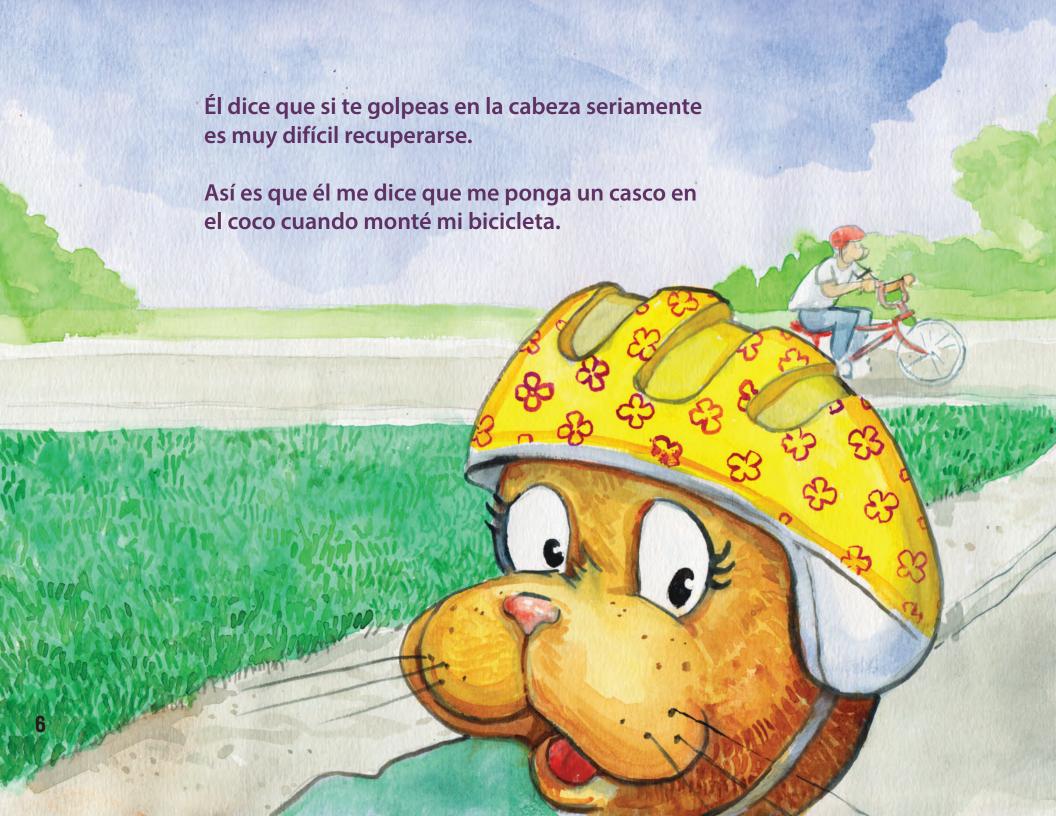
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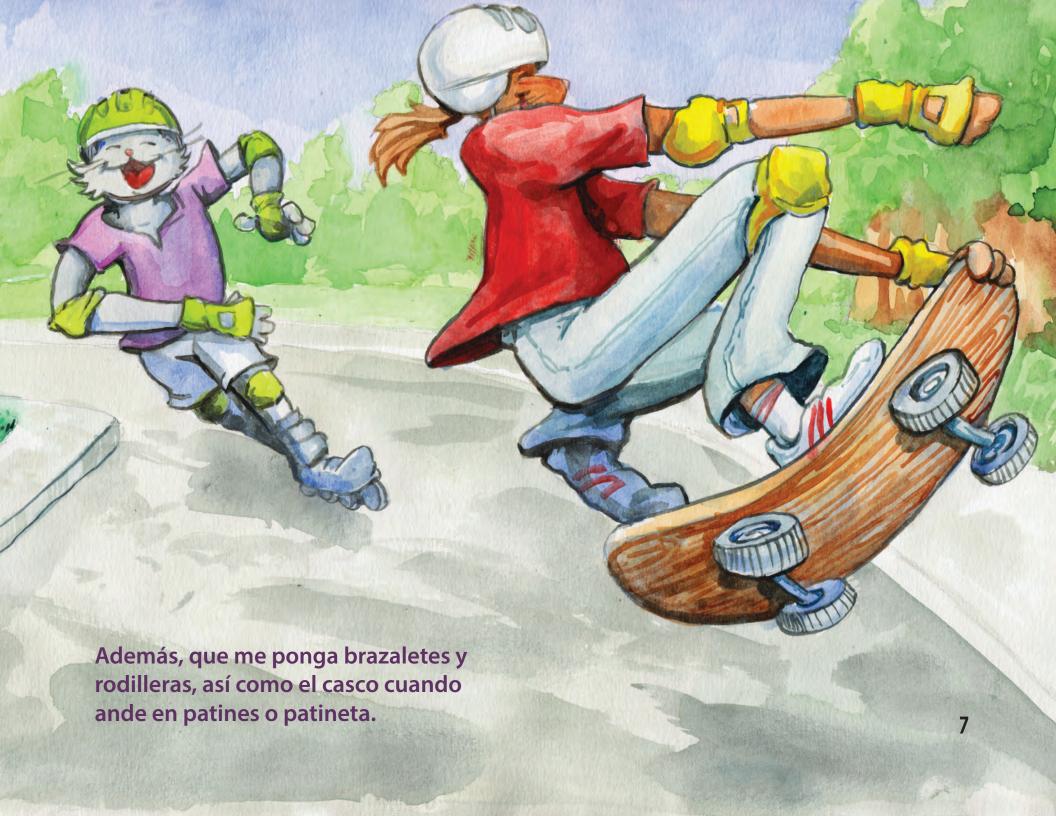


















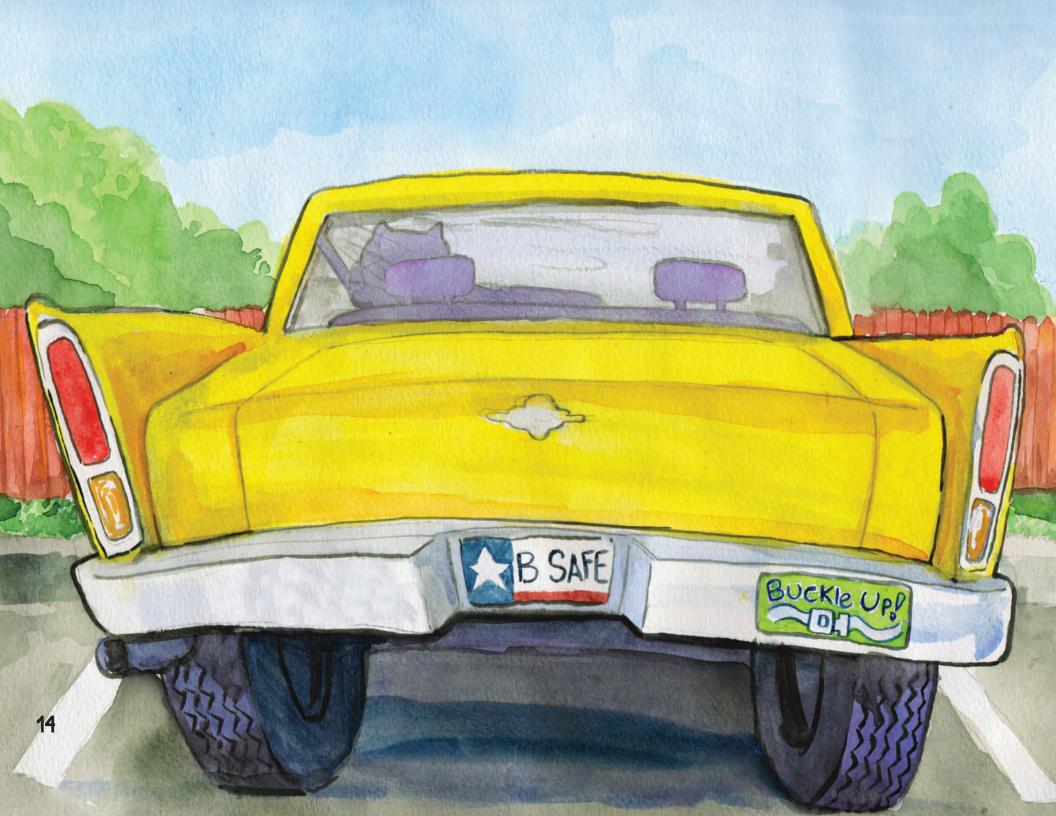




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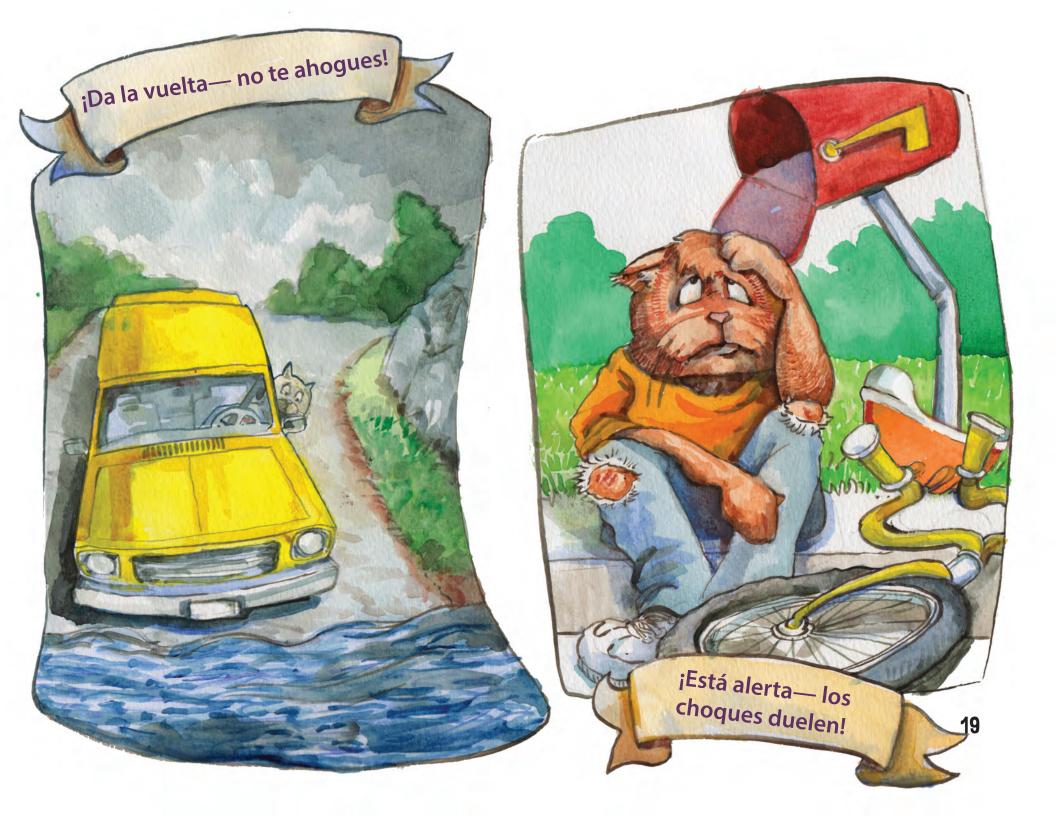


























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