



ROAD SAFETY

Guide your section in how to stay focused while crossing the road

Suitable for Beavers, Cubs and Scouts

You will need

- multiple decks of playing cards
- stopwatch/timer
- list of questions

Activity

- 1 Split the group into their sixes and ask them what the word pedestrian means, eg includes people walking, in wheelchairs, running, jogging or hiking.
- 2 Ask the group what might distract them from crossing the road safely.
- 3 Explain to the Cubs that distracted walking includes any activity that takes your eyes and ears off the road, like texting, talking on the phone, playing electronic games and listening to music with headphones.

4 Next, ask one of the group to shuffle the pack of cards, and another to sort the deck of cards into each of the four suits.

5 One Scout can time how long it takes them to complete the task, another can note down the time.

6 Repeat the activity while someone asks 20 questions while completing the task of separating the deck of cards into four suits. Simple questions could include: what is $2 + 2 = 4$?; what's your favourite superhero?; who is your best friend?; do you have a pet?; do you own a tablet?; how many people live in your home?

7 Continue asking questions until the task is complete. Note the time it takes to complete the task when answering questions.

8 Compare the two times. Ask your section why they think it took longer to complete the second time. Explain that when we try to do more than one thing at a time the brain has to work harder, which is why we have to concentrate and not be distracted when we are pedestrians.

TIME NEEDED

30 minutes

BADGE



RAC partners the Cub Road Safety Activity Badge

PARTNER



OUTCOMES

Your section will have a greater understanding of how important it is to stay focused while crossing the road and how easy and dangerous it is to become distracted.

TAKING IT FURTHER

Start a discussion with your group about traffic signs, take a note of some of the signs you see on a walk around your area and explain what they mean. You could also try one of the resources at scouts.org.uk/RAC.

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