

A Safe Shopping Trip



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Pre-reading

Questions:

- How can you have a safe ride to the store?
- Why should you use seat belts and car seats?

Definitions:

- Strap – to fasten together
- Tight – firmly held together in place
- Face – to have the front toward

Reading

Pam is going shopping with her baby, Kim. They are getting ready to leave.

14 She wants their drive to the store to be a safe one. She uses the baby car seat every
33 time they get in the car, on both short and long trips.

46 Pam has the baby seat in the back seat of the car. She knows that any child
63 under 12 years of age should ride in the back seat. The back seat is the safest place
81 for any child.

84 Pam puts Kim in her car seat. She straps Kim in tight. Kim faces the back, or
101 **rear**, of the car. Babies can start facing forward when they are 20 pounds and can sit
117 up well.

122 Kim is ready! Pam gets in the car. She puts on her seat belt. Pam is ready.
139 Mom and baby will have a safe trip to the store.

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