A Safe Shopping Trip

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.

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

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

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

Kim is ready! Pam gets in the car. She puts on her seat belt. Pam is ready.

Mom and baby will have a safe trip to the store.

Level 2.0
Understanding

1. Why does Pam put her baby in a car seat? ____________________________________________
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2. Where is the safest place for a child? ______________________________________________
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3. When is it safe for children to sit in the front seat of the car? ______________________
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4. What does rear mean? __________________________________________________________
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5. When can Kim face the front of the car? __________________________________________
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Writing

Write about being safe in the car. How do you stay safe? How do you keep children safe in a car?
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