Buckle-Up!

Pre-reading

Questions:
- What do you think this story is about?

Definitions:
- Oncoming – coming towards
- Scene – the place where an event takes place

Reading

Seat belts save lives. When dad gets in the car, he **bucks**es his seat belt.

When mom gets in the car, she buckles her seat belt. When their six year old child gets in the car, she buckles her seat belt. When their ten year old child gets in the car, she buckles her seat belt.

This family never used to wear seat belts. In fact, their eight year old son died because he was not wearing one. It happened just five months ago. They were only six miles from home. An oncoming car crossed the center line and hit them head-on.

The driver had fallen asleep.

The eight year old was sitting in the middle of the back seat. He was not wearing a seat belt. He was thrown through the windshield and was found a great distance from the car. He was dead at the scene. Seat belts save lives.

Level 2.0
Understanding

1. What does the word **buckle** mean in this story?  
   (Your answer here)

2. Which child died?  
   (Your answer here)

3. When did he die?  
   (Your answer here)

4. Why did the oncoming car hit the family’s car?  
   (Your answer here)

5. What saves lives?  
   (Your answer here)

Writing

**Choice A:** Retell the story in your own words.

**Choice B:** Write about your own seatbelt use.