

Unit 12 Writing quiz

A Read the statistics about cycling and the safety recommendations for cyclists. Can you add more recommendations to the list?

Bicycling statistics	Safety recommendations
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cyclists aged 5–15 make four times as many trips as cyclists aged 40–46.• Twice as many men as women make bike trips.• Cyclists under 16 have 21% of all injuries.• Males are three times more likely to have cycling injuries than women.• More than 70% of car–bicycle crashes happen at intersections.• Helmets are 85–88% effective in making head injuries less serious.• Only about 20–25% of cyclists wear helmets.• Every dollar spent on bike helmets saves society \$30 in indirect medical costs and other costs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Obey all traffic laws.• Wear a helmet.• Wear brightly colored clothing.• Use lights and reflectors when riding at night.• _____• _____• _____• _____

B Write a report about bicycle safety with recommendations. Use some of the statistics in Exercise A to support your argument.

Make sure that you:

- include statistics.
- make statistical comparisons.
- avoid errors with *twice as*.

Sample Answer

Cycling is an activity enjoyed by many people, especially children. Children aged 5–15 make four times as many bicycle trips as adults over 40 years old. It is also more popular among men than women. Among adults, twice as many men as women make bike trips. However, despite its popularity, cycling has its dangers. Not surprisingly, perhaps, given the number of male cyclists, males are three times more likely than females to have injuries from cycling. More than 70 percent of crashes between cars and bikes happen at intersections.

There are a number of measures that can be taken to prevent serious injuries, including the wearing of helmets. Helmets are 85–88 percent effective in making head injuries from accidents less serious, but only about 20–25 percent of cyclists wear them. Therefore, wearing a helmet should be made mandatory. Other recommendations to prevent cycling injuries include wearing brightly colored clothing and using lights and reflectors for nighttime riding. Finally, cyclists should obey all traffic laws.