



Story sheet

Do we take the risk?

Milly is 11 and in the top class at primary school. She walks home with her brother Tom who is two years younger. Their Mum works until 5 o'clock at an office in the center of their nearby town and their Dad never gets home until 6.30 pm. Their Grandma arrives at their house at 3 o'clock and looks after them until their parents get home but because she has a bad leg at the moment, she does not pick them up from school.

Milly doesn't mind. She has been going out to the local shops for some time now. She feels quite grown up and she has always been very careful about crossing the road. Tom doesn't mind either. He knows his big sister will look after him and he is good at crossing roads too.

On Tuesday they left school at the end of the day. There is a busy road nearby that they need to cross. Standing on the pavement, Milly looked left and right. She couldn't see any traffic lights nearby to help them cross the road more safely.

[What should she look for next to help them across the road?]

[There was no zebra crossing. [What should she do next?]

[There was no traffic island either. [What should she do next?]

[If she is not careful, who else would be at risk?]

[How is she going to get across the road?]

[Children discuss various outcomes and decide which one is best.]

They keep walking. Eventually they reach a long stretch of road with no parked cars. They can see and a long way in both directions and so they safely cross the road. Milly hears someone shouting out her name. She turns around to see Mia, her friend from Swimming Club waving. Mia comes up and says "I'm on my way to the park. Do you want to come?"

[What risk is she taking if she goes with Mia?]



“My Mum is just coming. She will be with us to keep an eye on us,” said Mia.

Milly still didn’t know what to do. She likes Mia and would love to go to the park but she felt uncertain.

[If Milly and Tom did go to the park, how would it affect her grandma?]

[Children discuss the various outcomes and decide which is the best.]

Milly thanks Mia for her offer but explains that they have to go home as their Grandma will be expecting them and will worry if they are late. They are almost home. Their street is busy with lots of adults and children walking along it. A man comes up to Milly and asks her “How do I get to Claremont Street? Is it close to where you live?”

Tom was just about to answer when Milly grabbed his hand and said “We don’t talk to strangers!” before walking off.

“That was rude” said Tom. “We know where Claremont Street is.”

Milly then explained to him why it was not rude.

[What do you think she said to him? Make clear that if an adult needed directions and there were other adults around, they wouldn’t ask a child.]

Soon they were safely back. They told Grandma about the man asking for directions and she said that they had done the right thing.