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⁴ **reckless** dangerous; doing things without thinking of the results

²⁰ **slow down** to lower the speed of something; to go slower

²⁴ **get hurt** to become injured

²⁶ **tip over** to fall to one side

³¹ **terrified** very scared; very afraid

A Bad Driver



⁵ **F**reddy was a taxi driver, but he never had any passengers. He couldn't understand why nobody wanted to get in his taxi. Freddy never had any passengers because he was a **reckless** driver. People thought they might have an accident if they were in his taxi.

Freddy often didn't look where he was going. Sometimes he didn't see other cars or trucks. At other times he didn't stop for red lights, and once he almost ran over the local policeman. People were frightened when they saw his taxi on the road.

¹⁰ "I'm not going in that taxi," said the school teacher. "He's too reckless! Last week he almost hit the tree near the school. I saw it!"

"Yes," said the teacher's wife. "I saw it, too. He wants us to pay him to ride in his taxi, but I think he should pay us!"

¹⁵ One day, he saw some strangers near the railway station. He stopped, and they got in his taxi. They said they wanted to go to a house on Alman Road. Freddy was very happy and started to drive. At first, he drove very carefully, but he soon forgot and drove faster and faster. The passengers became afraid.

²⁰ "**Slow down**," they said. "You're driving too fast!"

Freddy almost hit a car! Then he almost hit a truck! He forgot to stop for a red light. People ran out of the way. They pointed at the passengers. They had never seen passengers in Freddy's taxi before. They wondered if the passengers would **get hurt**.

²⁵ Freddy drove his taxi around some corners. He drove very fast and the taxi almost **tipped over**, but it just went up on two wheels and then fell back down. The passengers were very frightened.

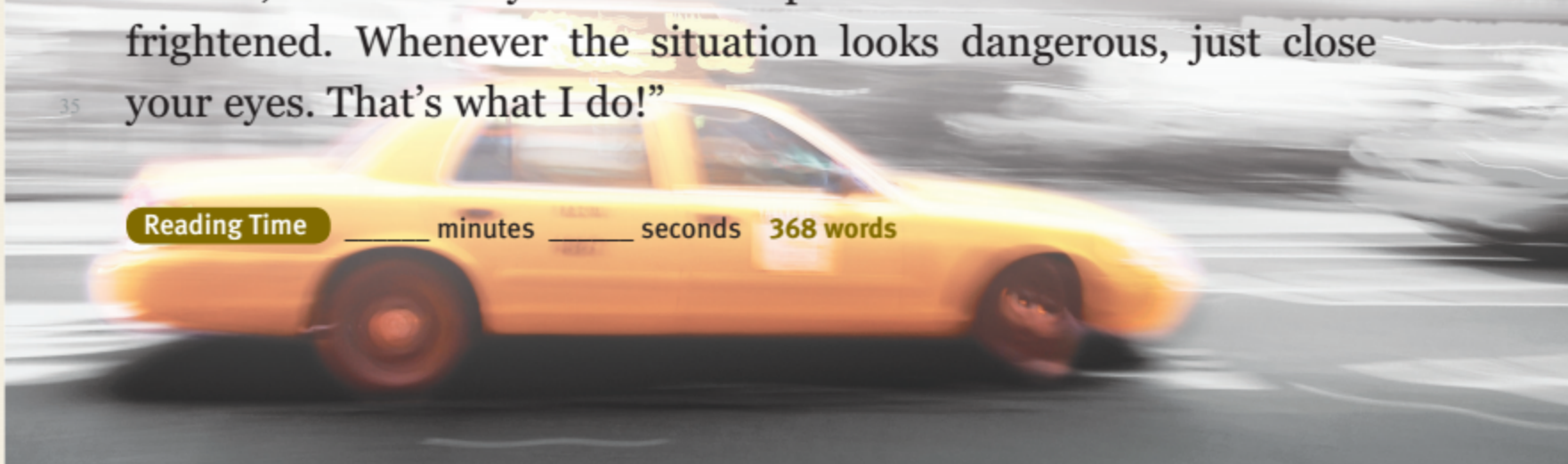
"Stop! Stop!" they shouted. "We want to get out!"

"Why?" asked Freddy. "We are not at Alman Road yet."

³⁰ "You are a reckless driver," they said. "You almost hit a car and a truck, and you drove through a red light. We are **terrified** every time you go around a corner."

³⁵ "Oh," said Freddy. "Is that the problem? You don't have to be frightened. Whenever the situation looks dangerous, just close your eyes. That's what I do!"

Reading Time _____ minutes _____ seconds 368 words



Vocabulary Review

■ Match each word with its meaning.

- | | |
|----------------|----------------------|
| 1. situation • | • a. not careful |
| 2. reckless • | • b. a condition |
| 3. terrified • | • c. very frightened |

Reading Comprehension

■ Choose the best answer.

- Why did people NOT want to ride in Freddy's taxi?
 - Everybody had cars.
 - Freddy charged too much.
 - He did not drive safely.
 - The taxi was very old.
- Why did people point at the passengers in the taxi?
 - The passengers were famous.
 - They were glad to see them in the taxi.
 - They were laughing at them.
 - They were worried about them.
- Why is Freddy a bad driver?
 - He can't see well.
 - He closes his eyes.
 - He is too old.
 - He likes danger.
- What happens if something "tips over"?
 - It falls on its side.
 - It receives some money.
 - It rolls very fast.
 - It stops.

Summary

■ Fill in each blank with the correct word.

close

because

dangerous

passengers

terrified

Freddy drove a taxi, but no one ever got in it because everyone knew that he was a 1 _____ driver. One day he had some 2 _____, and they were soon 3 _____ by his driving. They asked him to slow down 4 _____ they were frightened, but he told them not to worry. He told them to 5 _____ their eyes. That's what he did himself.

My Dream Job Track 02

The staff of the *Kennedy School Newsletter* asked students at our school to take a **survey**. In the survey, we asked, “What is your dream job?” We asked a total of 367 students at our school. Here are the results of our survey.

Dream Job Survey					
Job	No. of Students	Job	No. of Students	Job	No. of Students
athlete	64	writer	30	business person	4
singer	58	artist	29	astronaut	4
actor	57	lawyer	13	others	3
vet	49	teacher	9		
programmer	40	doctor	7		

² **survey** a list of questions about people’s opinions on a subject

⁵ **professional** doing something to earn money rather than as a hobby

¹³ **superstar** someone who is very well-known and successful (usually in sports, music, or acting)

¹⁴ **career** a job that needs special training or education and that you plan to do for many years

¹⁴ **veterinarian** an animal doctor

¹⁷ **lawyer** a person who studied law and helps people with legal problems

²³ **stop by** to visit; to come over for a short time

²⁵ **publish** to make a story or other writings into a book

⁵ Most of the students at our school want to be **professional** athletes in the future! 64 people hope to be sports stars in the future. This includes 32 future soccer players, 12 baseball players, 10 basketball players, 7 tennis players, and 3 hockey players.

¹⁰ Lots of students at our school also want to be movie stars or singers. 58 students said they wanted to become singers, and 57 said they wanted to act in movies. We hope your dreams come true! Just remember your friends from school when you become **superstars**.

¹⁵ Other popular future **careers** include **veterinarians** (49), computer programmers (40), writers (30), and artists (29). To our surprise, very few students at our school want to be doctors (7), **lawyers** (13), or business people (4). The teachers at our school may be disappointed to know that only 9 students hope to teach

²⁰ in the future. Sorry, teachers!

You can see the rest of the results from our survey in the chart. And for those students who did not get to answer our survey, please **stop by** our office. We want to hear from you, too! We will add your answers

²⁵ to our survey results and **publish** the final results in the school yearbook.

Thanks for helping us make this interesting survey so successful!



Vocabulary Review

Choose the correct word to put in the blank.

- The doctor told the patient about the _____ of the blood test.
a. answers b. future c. results d. surprises
- The singer was more _____ when he was younger.
a. disappointed b. final c. added d. popular
- This book was _____ more than 50 years ago.
a. published b. included c. heard d. remembered

Reading Comprehension

Choose the best answer.

- What is another way to ask “What is your dream job?”
a. What do you want to be? b. When will you stop studying?
c. Where do you want to live? d. Who do you like the most?
- Which answer from students was the most surprising?
a. Singing is popular. b. No one wants to be an actor.
c. Many like to play sports. d. Not many want to teach.
- How many people probably want to be plumbers?
a. About half a dozen b. Less than four
c. More than ten d. Twenty-seven
- If you “stop by” somewhere, you _____.
a. bring something b. go and stay
c. do not move d. visit sometime

Summary

Fill in each blank with the correct word.

athletes

lawyers

job

publish

survey

Some students at a school did a(n) 1_____. They asked students which 2_____ they would like to have in the future. Lots of students wanted to be 3_____ or entertainers. Few students wanted to be doctors or 4_____. Not all of the students took the survey. They will keep giving the survey and 5_____ the final results later.