

Buckle-Up!



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Pre-reading

Questions:

- What do you think this story is about?

Definitions:

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



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Reading

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

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

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

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

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Understanding

1. What does the word **buckle** mean in this story? _____

2. Which child died? _____

3. When did he die? _____

4. Why did the oncoming car hit the family's car? _____

5. What saves lives? _____

Writing

Choice A: Retell the story in your own words.

Choice B: Write about your own seatbelt use.
