

Saving Our Bike Track

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Level 22

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Curriculum Areas English (Literacy, Literature, Language); Technologies (Design and Technologies); Humanities (Civics and Citizenship); Health and Physical Education

Retelling to Encourage Critical Thinking About the Content

Ask each student to retell the story in their own words.

Record the retelling for further discussion and reflection.

Questions to Reinforce Meaning and Stimulate Discussion

Literal

- 1 What did the boys like about riding on the bike track?
- 2 How did the boys first learn about the new housing estate?
- 3 Who would the new bike track be good for?

Inferential

- 4 Why was the new housing estate called 'Ocean Views'?
- 5 Why did Dad say they needed to look at the plans for the housing estate?
- 6 How do you know that Jerome was feeling brave when the family first met the builder?
- 7 Do you think Sara truly cared about the track being lost?
- 8 How would the new track help to manage traffic in the housing estate?

Applied Knowledge

- 9 What is the difference between plans and a model of a housing estate or a new building?
- 10 Why is it better for the environment if people ride bikes instead of driving cars?

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Chapter 1

A Gigantic Sign

It was Monday morning.

My younger brother Jerome and I
were riding our bikes to school.

The two of us ride together every day.

We follow a track from our house to school.

At the very end of the track is the town centre.



Although the track is a little rough and bumpy,
we don't mind. It's fun going over the bumps.
And we like riding through the paddocks
and past the sea to get to school.



We were about halfway to school
when we saw a gigantic sign in a nearby paddock.

“That’s new,” I shouted to Jerome.

“I wonder what it’s about.”

We stopped and peered at the sign.

“Ocean Views Housing Estate – Coming Soon,” read Jerome.

“What does that mean, Daniel?”

“I think it means lots of houses will be built here,”
I said.

“I hope our track isn’t going to be covered up,”
said Jerome, anxiously.



Chapter 2

What About Our Bike Track?

Dad was in the garden when we got back from school that afternoon.

We rushed to tell him about the sign.

“They’re going to build houses on the paddocks!” cried Jerome.

“I heard there were plans for a housing estate,” Dad replied.



“But, Dad!” I said.

“What if our bike track is destroyed?”

“Goodness,” said Dad. “I hadn’t thought about that.”

“What can we do?” I asked.

