Earl P. Nutt’s Safety Challenge

Play it safe and outsmart danger!
Welcome to the Safety Challenge!
I’m Earl P. Nutt, and I’ll be your host.

Solve these puzzles and games so you can find out how to be safe around MAX and buses.

Here are some helpful hints:
• Look both ways before crossing MAX tracks
• Listen up—MAX is very quiet
• Stick to crosswalks and respect the signals
• Stay off the tracks
• Please, no horsing around at stations
We need a “safe” cracker!

Crack the puzzle below and get the “combination” to use when you’re around MAX.

Hint: 🚄 = Train
Don’t let MAX sneak up on you!

MAX can be as quiet as a bicycle.

Make your way through the maze and put together the letters along the way. They spell out words to “live” by.

The secret message:
Can you make it across?

Your mission is to find the secret message that you need to cross MAX tracks safely.

Cross out words that:

- Start and end with the same letter
- Sound the same but are spelled differently—in columns A & C only
- Are bodies of water
- Are fruits
- Are body parts—in columns C & D only
- Are planets—in columns A & B only

Now read the words that are left!

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Whoa! MAX needs over 2 blocks to stop—and can’t steer around you!

Find the places where you need to stop and look both ways before crossing tracks. The letters in the words below have been replaced with code letters. Can you break the code?

DUPTW
TUSIBL
MAPDXSV
IGLBP
IDPGSB
LPDCI

Hint: The letter "I" = S
Could it get any worse?!

These people are being totally unsafe.

See if you can find and circle all the unsafe things people are doing in the scene below.

*Hey, let’s try a little safety!*
Give me a sign!

Do you know what these safety signs mean?

See if you can match them up with their meaning. Then obey them whenever you’re around MAX to stay safe.

**Signs**

1. 

2. 

3. 

4. 

5. 

6. 

7. 

**Meanings**

A. Caution, tracks ahead. They may be slippery even when wet.

B. Caution, a train is coming. Look both ways.

C. Look both ways before crossing the tracks.

D. Bike lane rejoins traffic ahead.

E. This is a crosswalk or safe place to cross.

F. Push button for crosswalk signal.

G. There are 13 seconds left before the crosswalk signal changes to “Don’t Walk.”
MAX trains can’t stop quickly for you.

Always stay off the tracks and only cross at crosswalks.

Find the hidden bus and MAX safety words. Words can be made across and down.

AWARE  BUS  CAREFUL  CROSSWALK
DRIVERS  EASY  LISTEN  LOOK
MAX  RESPECT  SAFETY  SIDEWALKS
SIGNALS  SIGNS  STATIONS  STOP
TRACKS  WAIT  WALK  WATCH
The waiting game.

How can you be safe at bus stops and stations?

To find the answer, combine the letters with the pictures, adding or subtracting letters as shown.
Those are MAX tracks, dude—not bike tracks!

Playing near train tracks is soooo dangerous.

Be safe when you’re around the MAX:

• Respect traffic signals
• Cross tracks straight on. If you don’t, your wheel could get caught in the tracks and send you flying!
• Walk your bike on the MAX station platform

Can you circle the 4 warning signs this kid is ignoring?
How is a TriMet bus different from a school bus?

Should you cross in front of a TriMet bus?

Never—unless it’s stopped at a traffic light. Wait for the bus to leave, then look both ways before crossing the street.

Should you cross in front of a school bus?

Always—traffic in all directions has to stop when a school bus stops.

There are 10 crazy things wrong in this picture. Can you find them?
Crunch time!

Time to find out how much you know about MAX safety!

Answer the questions to fill in the crossword puzzle.

Across
1. ______ go around down gates.
2. It is ______ to walk or play on tracks.
3. Be careful when ______ trains.
4. MAX trains and Portland streetcars are powered by ______ wires.
5. When waiting for a TriMet bus, you should wait at a bus stop and stand well back from the ______.
6. Don’t assume you can hear approaching trains. MAX trains can be very ______.
7. Playing around trains is very ______.
8. Light rail trains are made so ______ can ride them.
10. Because electrical current runs through overhead wires touching them with anything can be ______.
11. Take time to ______ check! Another train might be coming.

Down
12. No “______ around” on platforms.
13. Trains can come from either ______, so it is important to stop, look and listen.
14. Do not ______ walk.
15. Stand away from the edge of the ______.
16. Be aware and listen to ______ given during the ride.
17. As soon as you get off a bus or MAX you need to be ______.
18. Cross ONLY at ______ crossings.
19. ______ all warning signs.
20. Do not hold doors ______ once they have started to close.
How-to-Draw Earl P. Nutt

Follow the steps below to draw a picture of Earl P. Nutt, Safety Squirrel. Use the space provided at the right for your drawing. Use sheets of scratch paper for more practice or to try drawing Earl in different positions.

**Step 1**
Start by drawing some simple shapes. A “yield sign” or diamond shape for the head, circles for the muzzle, a triangular shape for the nose, a pear for the body and two slug-like shapes for the feet.

**Step 2**
Next, add two more circles for Earl’s eyes. Then some lines to create a neck, legs and arms.

**Step 3**
To draw Earl’s tail, use a large heart shape with a curl to create the tip of the tail. Add a couple of ears to the top of his head, and two egg shapes for his hands.

**Step 4**
To finish the drawing, add the details. Use lines to separate the toes, fingers, and eyelids. Dots make great pupils, and don’t forget to give him a smile! You can also add some jagged lines to make his chest and head look furry.
Here’s some space to practice drawing Earl

The secret to getting better is to keep trying.
So go for it!
Answers

“We need a safecracker,” page 2  
Stop, look and listen before you cross train tracks.  
Tracks are for trains, not for people.  
Use your brain, watch for trains.

“Don’t let MAX sneak up on you,” page 3  
Answer: LOOK, LISTEN AND LIVE

“Can you make it across?” page 4  
Watch for MAX trains

“Whoa....” page 5  
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2. C  
3. E  
4. G  
5. B  
6. F  
7. A

“MAX trains can’t stop quickly.” page 8

“The waiting game,” page 9  
When you are waiting for the bus or MAX, stand where you can be seen, away from buildings, bushes and cars.

Earl’s four warning signs, page 10  
Railroad crossing gate is down.  
Railroad crossing signal is flashing.  
Railroad crossing bells are ringing.  
MAX train is sounding the horn.  
(At least he’s wearing his bike helmet!)

“How is a TriMet bus different from a school bus?” page 11  
1. The green car has one headlight.  
2. There is a missing tire on the green car.  
3. The exhaust pipe is on the front of the green car.  
4. The triangle yield sign on the back of the bus is upside down.  
5. There are three stripes on the back of the bus, two on the side.  
6. The man has his hat on upside down.  
7. The man is wearing one shoe.  
8. The man has shorts on one leg and long pants on the other.  
9. One of the bus tail lights is missing.  
10. The back door is missing on the bus.

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