**Message Decoder**

Use the secret code below to reveal each important **Safe Routes to School** safety message.

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1. Always wear a _16___18___15___16___18___12___25_ when riding your bicycle.

   _8___5___12___13___5___20_

2. Always ride your bicycle _9___14___20___8___5_ direction as other traffic and follow the same _19___9___7___14___9_, and _19___9___7___14___1___12___19_, as cars.

3. When crossing the street look _12___5___6___20_ and _18___9___7___8___20_ again for traffic in all directions and keep looking for cars as you cross.

   _12___5___6___20_

4. When there are no sidewalks, walk _6___1___3___9___14___7_ so you can see what’s coming.

   _20___18___1___6___6___9___3_

5. When the school bus approaches, stand _6___9___22___5_ away from the edge of the road.

   _7___9___1___14___20___19___20___5___16___19_
6. Never _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ the school bus.
   23 1 12 11 2 5 8 9 14 4

7. If crossing _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ always look in _____ _____ _____ _____ directions or look _____ _____ _____ _____ ways. Listen for
   18 1 9 12 18 15 1 4 20 18 1 3 11 19
   a _____ _____ _____ _____ or _____ _____ _____ _____ . Cross when _____ _____ _____ .
   20 18 1 9 14 23 8 9 19 20 12 5 19 1 6 5

8. Walk and bike _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ to and from school.
   19 1 6 5 12 25

9. Cross the street at the corner in a _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ and
   with the pedestrian _____ _____ _____ _____ .
   3 18 15 19 19 23 1 12 11 19

10. _____ _____ _____ don't _____ _____ when crossing the street.
   23 1 12 11 18 21 14

11. Ride your bike with _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ on the handlebars.
   20 23 15 8 1 14 4 19

12. Use your _____ _____ _____ and _____ _____ to check for traffic.
   5 25 5 19 5 1 18 19

**Bonus**

Look and listen for cars that may be backing up. Look for
   _____ _____ _____ backup _____ _____ _____ ;
   23 8 9 20 5 12 9 7 8 20 19
   exhaust _____ _____ _____ ; a person in the
   19 13 15 11 5 19 seat; or listen for the
   4 18 9 22 5 18 19 4 18 9 22 5 18 19
   _____ _____ _____ of the car/truck when moving.
   2 5 5 16 9 14 7
Answers

1. properly, fitted, helmet
2. in, the, same, signs, signals
3. left, right, left
4. facing, traffic
5. five, giant, steps
6. walk, behind
7. railroad, tracks, both, train, whistle, safe
8. safely
9. crosswalk, signals
10. walk, run
11. two, hands
12. eyes, ears

Bonus: white, lights, smoke, drivers, beeping