SEAT BELT QUIZ

INSTRUCTIONS
- Indicate whether each of the following statements is true or false.
- Check your answers on the back.
- Count the number of correct answers.
- Evaluate your result!

TRUE OR FALSE
1. A seat belt is useless for short trips.
2. My car has an airbag: no need for a seat belt!
3. A seat belt doesn’t do much at low speeds.
4. Whether to wear a seat belt is my problem. It’s nobody’s business if I don’t wear it.
5. The driver is responsible for making sure that all passengers under age 16 are wearing their seat belt.
6. Drinking alcohol and failure to buckle up: a deadly cocktail.
EVALUATION

1. False. Many accidents occur near home, and more than half occur in areas where the speed limit is 50 km/h.

2. False. A seat belt prevents you from being ejected from the vehicle or projected inside the vehicle, e.g., against another passenger.

3. False. The risk of being killed in a traffic accident for anyone who fails to buckle up starts at 20 km/h.

4. False. At 50 km/h, the pressure exerted on a body in motion is multiplied by 20 at the moment of impact. You could therefore seriously injure or kill one of your passengers.

5. True. All drivers are responsible for making sure that passengers under age 16 buckle up. Drivers who fail to do so are subject to a ticket and a fine, and demerit points will be entered on their driver’s record.

6. True. Blood alcohol concentration tests performed on drivers killed in an accident have revealed that seat belt use decreases as the driver’s blood alcohol concentration increases.

ANSWERS

If you have 5 or 6 correct answers:
Congratulations! You are certainly among the nine out of ten people who wear their seat belt at all times. Keep it up!

If you have 3 or 4 correct answers:
Important! Remember that a seat belt is always effective, not only during high-speed impacts.

If you have 1 or 2 correct answers (or none at all):
Caution! Don’t take any chances and buckle up. Your seat belt reduces by half the risk of being killed or seriously injured in an accident.