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# Pedestrian Deaths Rise 75% Since 2009 Amid SUV Surge

## Description

Since 2009, more people have died while walking in America. This has happened after many years of fewer deaths. A new study shows that larger cars, like SUVs and pickups, are part of the problem. The study says many lives could have been saved if vehicles had stayed smaller.

The report estimates that about 200 to 400 pedestrians could have lived each year if cars were not bigger. From 2016 to 2024, about 3,000 deaths may have been caused by the rising size of vehicles. Bigger cars make it harder for drivers to see pedestrians.

The increase in pedestrian deaths is linked to bigger and heavier cars. These cars have blind spots, which makes accidents more likely. New rules on car emissions have also encouraged the growth of larger vehicles.

Larger vehicles can cause serious injuries to pedestrians. When a big car hits someone, the impact is more dangerous. Experts say it is very important to rethink car sizes to improve safety for everyone on the road.

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## Vocabulary List:

1. **pedestrians** //pə'destrɪənz// (noun): people who are walking, not driving
2. **vehicles** //ˈviːəkəlz// (noun): machines used to carry people or things
3. **emissions** //ɪ'mɪʃənz// (noun): harmful gases or smoke from cars
4. **impact** //ˈɪmpækt// (noun): the strong effect or force of a crash
5. **blind** //blaɪnd// (adjective): not able to see or be seen clearly
6. **rethink** //,ri:'θɪŋk// (verb): think about something again in a new way

## Comprehension Questions

### Multiple Choice

1. What type of vehicles are part of the problem in increasing pedestrian deaths?

Option: Sedans

Option: SUVs and pickups

Option: Minivans



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Option: Motorcycles

2. How many pedestrian deaths could potentially have been avoided each year according to the study?

Option: 100 to 200

Option: 200 to 400

Option: 400 to 600

Option: 600 to 800

3. What years does the report predict about 3,000 deaths may occur due to rising vehicle sizes?

Option: 2010 to 2018

Option: 2014 to 2022

Option: 2016 to 2024

Option: 2018 to 2026

4. What is one issue that larger vehicles create for drivers?

Option: Easier visibility

Option: More fuel efficiency

Option: Blind spots

Option: Lower cost

5. What has encouraged the growth of larger vehicles?

Option: Increased taxes on large cars

Option: New rules on car emissions

Option: Decreased demand for SUVs

Option: Safety campaigns

6. What do experts suggest needs to be rethought to improve safety?

Option: Car colors

Option: Car sizes

Option: Pedestrian zones

Option: Traffic lights

### True-False

7. The number of pedestrian deaths in America has decreased since 2009.

8. Larger vehicles are linked to an increase in pedestrian deaths.



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9. The impact of a larger car hitting a pedestrian is less dangerous than that of a smaller car.
  10. Experts believe smaller vehicles could improve road safety.
  11. Blind spots in larger vehicles make accidents less likely.
  12. Around 3,000 pedestrian deaths are predicted to occur from 2016 to 2024 due to vehicle size.

### Gap-Fill

13. Since 2009, more people have died while walking in America due to the rise of larger vehicles and their \_\_\_\_\_.
14. The report estimates that about 200 to 400 pedestrians could have lived each year if cars were not \_\_\_\_\_.
15. Bigger cars create \_\_\_\_\_ that make it harder for drivers to see pedestrians.
16. New rules on car emissions have encouraged the growth of \_\_\_\_\_ vehicles.
17. When a big car hits someone, the \_\_\_\_\_ is more dangerous.
18. Experts say it is very important to rethink car sizes to improve \_\_\_\_\_ for everyone on the road.

### Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. SUVs and pickups 2. 200 to 400 3. 2016 to 2024 4. Blind spots 5. New rules on car emissions 6. Car sizes

**True-False:** 7. False 8. True 9. False 10. True 11. False 12. True

**Gap-Fill:** 13. size 14. bigger 15. blind spots 16. larger 17. impact 18. safety

### Vocabulary quizzes



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**Multiple Choice ( Select the Correct answer for each question. )**

1. What is primarily responsible for air pollution in urban areas?  
Option: Pedestrians  
Option: Emissions  
Option: Lawsuits  
Option: Storage
2. Which type of transportation is often seen as contributing to traffic congestion?  
Option: Bicycles  
Option: Pedestrians  
Option: Vehicles  
Option: Public transport
3. What do lighter foods typically contain fewer of?  
Option: Flavours  
Option: Calories  
Option: Lawsuits  
Option: Grants
4. What is crucial when trying to launch a new product successfully?  
Option: Timing  
Option: Storage  
Option: Review  
Option: Supply
5. What term describes someone whose net worth is over a trillion dollars?  
Option: Millionaire  
Option: Billionaire  
Option: Trillionaire  
Option: Investor
6. What do companies often do in order to create a larger business entity?  
Option: Supplant  
Option: Dissolve  
Option: Merge  
Option: Segregate
7. What legal action is taken against an individual or organization when there is a claim for damages?  
Option: Merger  
Option: Lawsuit  
Option: Grant



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Option: Review

8. Who oversees compliance with laws and regulations in various industries?

Option: Shareholders

Option: Regulators

Option: Investors

Option: Pedestrians

9. What do we use to keep items for future use?

Option: Timing

Option: Memory

Option: Storage

Option: Launch

10. What do companies aim to maximize from their operations?

Option: Supply

Option: Profit

Option: Review

Option: Lawsuit

**Gap-Fill ( Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**

11. In busy cities, \_\_\_\_\_ often have to navigate carefully among vehicles.

12. The new environmental regulations aim to reduce the negative \_\_\_\_\_ of emissions.

13. To better address the issue, city planners may need to \_\_\_\_\_ their strategies.

14. New flavors of the ice cream are now \_\_\_\_\_ at the local shop.

15. Due to regulatory constraints, the project had \_\_\_\_\_ funding.

16. Increase your device's \_\_\_\_\_ for better performance.

17. Traffic jams during rush hour are often \_\_\_\_\_ in large cities.

18. The company struggles with the \_\_\_\_\_ of raw materials due to high demand.

19. Startups often seek \_\_\_\_\_ to fund their innovative ideas.

20. The nonprofit organization received several \_\_\_\_\_ to support its community



initiatives.

**Matching Sentences ( Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**

21. Efforts to reduce emissions will have a positive effect on public health.
22. Modern vehicles are equipped with advanced safety features to protect passengers.
23. Monitoring calorie intake can help individuals maintain a healthy weight.
24. The timing of the event perfectly coincided with the launch of their new product.
25. The world's first trillionaire emerged due to unprecedented technological advancements.
26. The merger of the two companies created one of the largest corporations in the industry.
27. The company faced a lawsuit after allegations of mismanagement surfaced.
28. Regulators play a crucial role in ensuring that companies adhere to laws and standards.
29. Shareholders voted overwhelmingly in favor of the proposed business expansion.
30. Maximizing profit is a key objective for any sustainable business model.

**Answer**

**Multiple Choice:** 1. Emissions 2. Vehicles 3. Calories 4. Timing 5. Trillionaire 6. Merge 7. Lawsuit 8. Regulators 9. Storage 10. Profit

**Gap-Fill:** 11. pedestrians 12. impact 13. rethink 14. available 15. limited 16. memory 17. unavoidable 18. supply 19. investors 20. grants

**Matching sentence:** 1. emissions 2. vehicles 3. calories 4. timing 5. trillionaire 6. merger 7. lawsuit 8. regulators 9. shareholders 10. profit

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