

Rules of the Road

Pre-reading

Questions:

- What are some driving rules?

Definitions:

- Siren – a loud sounding warning device
- Oncoming – coming toward



Reading

Kim was a good driver. She put on her seat belt every time she got in the car.
18 She also made sure others in the car used their seat belts. She turned on her
34 headlights when it was raining or snowing.

41 Kim was an attentive driver. She did not use her cell phone while driving.
55 She did not read while driving. She did not even eat while driving. She focused on
71 the road.

73 Kim followed the rules of the road. She drove the posted speed limit. She
87 stopped at stop signs and at red lights. However, there was one rule she did not
103 know.

104 While driving home from work one day, Kim heard a loud siren. She also saw
119 flashing lights a few miles behind her. She was unsure of what to do. She slowed
135 down so the ambulance could pass her. This was not helpful. There were too many
150 oncoming cars.

152 The ambulance driver was honking his horn. Kim looked in her rearview
164 mirror. He was motioning for her to pull over onto the shoulder of the road. She
180 drove her car along the shoulder of the road.

189 What should Kim have done? As soon as a driver sees an emergency vehicle,
203 she must pull over onto the shoulder of the road and stop her car. This driving rule
220 helps keep everyone safe.

Understanding

1. What does Kim put on when she gets in the car? _____

2. What helps her see and be seen when driving in rain and snow? _____

3. What does it mean to be an attentive driver? _____

4. Where is the shoulder of the road? _____

5. When driving, what should you do if you see flashing lights and hear a siren? _____

Writing

Choice A: Retell the story in your own words.

Choice B: Write about your own driving habits. Do you follow the rules of the road?
Why or why not?
