

Year 4 Scenario - Suggested Answers

Scenario -

Read through the following fictional scenario shared by students at Bumpy Road Primary School:

The main street in our town has been getting busier over the last year. There are more shops and cafes being built and more people are moving into the town. Because the main street is getting busier it is getting harder for pedestrians to cross the road, especially kids and older people. Lots of people are now driving from one side of the road to the other because it is safer, even though it would be faster to walk. More cars means that there is also a higher demand for parking spaces and people are getting frustrated. Many of the shop owners who rely on people just 'popping in' as they walk past say that they're not getting as many people visiting their shops and aren't making as much money.

Questions -

Work collaboratively to answer the following questions about this scenario:

1. What happened?

Suggested answer: The main street in town is getting busier and less safe for pedestrians. Shop owners are losing money because there are fewer people walking around the town.

2. Where did it happen?

Suggested answer: The main street near the Bumpy Road Primary School.

3. Who is involved?

Suggested answer: Car drivers, shoppers, pedestrians, especially kids and older people.

4. Why did it happen?

Suggested answer: Because there are more people moving to the town so more people are driving to the shops and cafes on the main street.

5. When did it happen?

Suggested answer: More air pollution from more cars making short trips, shops closing down because they aren't making money, fewer people wanting to use active transport (like walking or bikes) leading to health problems.