

# Learning English with CBC Radio – Living in Alberta



## Parenting preschoolers

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Lesson :	Safety Seats
Topic:	Parenting Preschoolers
CLB Level:	6
CLB Skills :	Reading, Writing
Essential Skill(s) :	Reading Text, Writing, Computer Use, Thinking Skills

<b>CLB Outcomes</b>	
Reading :	Learners will demonstrate the ability to use a dictionary. Learners will be able to demonstrate comprehension of a moderately complex text. Learners will be able to access and locate information from an online source.
Writing :	Learners will be able to write a set of instructions. Learners will be able to take notes from a page of written information.
<b>Language Skills</b>	
Grammar Focus :	Parts of Speech
Vocabulary :	Secure, responsibility, enforcement, combination, universal, consequences, strap, interfere, equipped, collar bone
<b>Albertan Culture</b>	
Child safety in vehicles is taken very seriously in Alberta. It is a legal requirement for children such as preschoolers to be in car seats or in booster seats. It can be quite a challenge to get this age group to agree to sit in a safety seat. However, it is a parental responsibility to make sure the child is in a safety seat when traveling in a vehicle.	

Websites:

[www.saferoads.com](http://www.saferoads.com)

[www.programs.alberta.ca](http://www.programs.alberta.ca)

[www.learnersdictionary.com](http://www.learnersdictionary.com)

[www.thesaurus.com](http://www.thesaurus.com)

## Introduction

Before you read, complete the first two columns of the KWL chart below:

K	W	L
What I <b>know</b> about child safety in parenting	What I <b>want</b> to know about child safety in parenting	What I <b>learned</b> about child safety in parenting

## Pre-reading

Read the selection below and answer the questions that follow.

### Growing Miracles: Parenting - What's In It For You?

#### Description

Parenting is the most important responsibility you will ever have. No one else can be what you are to your child. No other job offers so many lasting rewards.

Being a parent can give you a whole new way of looking at life. Seeing the world through the eyes of a child is a reminder that innocence and hope still exist.

Parenting can also give you a chance to learn more about yourself by looking back at your own childhood, learning from it, and, if you choose, coming to terms with your childhood experiences and lessons.

Through parenting you can discover and gain new skills such as patience, humour, and creativity. You have a chance to develop a deep and intimate bond with your child, and, of course, your parenting is making a lasting and valuable contribution to society both now and in the future. The value of your job as a parent cannot be measured.

Taken from [www.healthlinkalberta.ca](http://www.healthlinkalberta.ca)

#### Pre-reading: Questions

1. What do you think are the most important qualities of a good parent in your culture?
2. At what age do most people become parents in your home country?
3. Do you think that the role parents play today is the same as it was 40 years ago?

## Title: Child Safety Seats

Open the reading text, Child Safety Seats by clicking on this link:

[www.saferoads.com/pdf/Child Safety Seat Letter Size.pdf](http://www.saferoads.com/pdf/Child%20Safety%20Seat%20Letter%20Size.pdf)

. This brochure is the reading text for this lesson.

Glossary<sup>1</sup>

Below are some words and expressions used in the reading:

1. *Anchorage* means something that provides a strong hold or connection
2. *Tether* means a rope or chain that is used to tie something to a post, wall, etc., so that it will stay in a particular area
3. *Standardized* means to change (things) so that they are similar and consistent and agree with rules about what is proper and acceptable
4. *Loop* means a curved part or shape made when something long and thin (such as a rope or thread) bends so that it touches or crosses over itself
5. *Slotted* means having long thin openings.
6. *Harness* means a set of straps that are used to connect a person to something (such as a parachute or a seat)

As you read the selection, use *context clues* to help you figure out the meaning of the following words that you will come across: *snug, armpit, rear, and occupant*

Reading Strategy Tip: As you read, pay attention to the way the document is laid out especially the check boxes and the headings. These check boxes highlight the most important information.

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<sup>1</sup> Definitions taken from [www.learnersdictionary.com](http://www.learnersdictionary.com)

## Reading Comprehension - Child Safety Seats

1. How many types of child safety seats are described in the brochure?
2. What is the danger in not using child safety seats?
3. Can a child weighing 30lb sit in a forward facing safety seat?
4. What is the main difference between a forward facing safety seat and a combined forward facing safety and booster seat?
5. At what weight can a child stop using a booster seat?
6. List five organizations that support the Alberta Occupant Restraint Program.
7. What phone number should a person living in Calgary call to get more information from Health Link Alberta on safety seats?
8. What phone number should a person living in Grande Cache call to get more information from Alberta Transportation without get charged for long-distance calling?
9. Where can one get information on safety seats that have been recalled?

## Vocabulary Development

### A. Context Clues

Use context clues from the reading to guess the meaning of the following words: snug, rear, armpit, occupant

**B. Definition Matching**

The words in italics below are taken from the reading. These words are also found on the *list of the first 2000 most commonly used words of English* and on the *Academic Word List*. Match the words to the correct definition. The first one has been done for you as an example.

Secure, collar bone, equipped, enforcement, responsibility, combination, universal, strap, interfere, consequences

	Word	Part of speech	Definition
1.	secure	Verb	to put (something) in a place or position so that it will not move
2.		Noun	a duty or task that you are required or expected to do
3.		Noun	The process of making sure that people do what is required by (a law, rule, etc.)
4.		Noun	a result or product of having two or more things come together and form a single thing
5.		Adjective	done or experienced by everyone; available everywhere
6.		Noun	something that happens as a result of a particular action or set of conditions
7.		Noun	a narrow and usually flat piece of a material that is used for fastening, holding together, or wrapping something
8.		Verb	to make (something) more difficult
9.		Verb	to provide (something) with a particular feature or ability
10.		Noun	a bone that connects the shoulder to the base of the neck

**C. Synonyms and Antonyms**

A word can have more than one synonym and antonym. In some cases a word may not have a synonym or antonym. The table below provides more than one synonym and antonym for each of the key words. Circle or highlight the best synonym and antonym that relates to the reading. Note that there might not be an appropriate synonym or antonym. Use online reference sites such as [www.thesaurus.com](http://www.thesaurus.com) to help you.

Word	Synonym	Antonym
consequence	result, end	cause, start
Interfere	prevent, get in the way	help, aid

Secure	lock, win	give up, lose
Responsibility	trust, duty	irresponsibility, freedom
Combination	mix, unification	separation, detachment

### Reading Strategy

Reread the selection and take note of the headings, check boxes, and bullet points. Answer the true or false statements below.

	Statement	True or False?
1.	The chest clip of a rear facing and a forward facing child safety seat should be level with the child's armpits.	
2.	A rear facing safety seat does not have to face the back of the car.	
3.	The internal harness should be at the same height as the shoulder.	
4.	A booster seat is never used with a lap/shoulder belt.	
5.	Children weighing 38lb do not have to be in a safety seat.	
6.	It is not a good idea to buy a used car seat.	

## Grammar Focus / Pragmatic Competence

### Activity 1: Identifying Parts of Speech

Many words belong to a word family. Look at the table below. You will notice the noun, adjective and adverb form of the word consequence. Knowing the different family members of a word will help you use the word forms correctly. Complete the table by looking up the parts of speech for the key word taken from the reading. Use [www.learnersdictionary.com](http://www.learnersdictionary.com) or [www.dictionary.com](http://www.dictionary.com)

	<b>Word from text</b>	<b>Noun</b>	<b>Verb</b>	<b>Adjective</b>	<b>Adverb</b>
1.	Consequence	Consequence	_____	Consequential	Consequentially
2.	Interfere				
3.	Secure				
4.	Responsibility				
5.	Combination				
6.	Strap				
7.	Equip				
8.	Enforcement				
9.	Universal				

Activity 2: Fill in the gaps with the correct word form / part of speech from the key words above

1. A quality of a good parent is being a \_\_\_\_\_ person who has a sense of duty.
2. The doctor told him that the prescription medication could not be \_\_\_\_\_ with other medications as this could result in death.
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ of not using safety seats as instructed can be fatal.
4. Mary does not like the way her mother is always \_\_\_\_\_ in her life.
5. Using a child safety seat is a law that is \_\_\_\_\_ by the police.



## Reading – Writing Link

Complete the KWL Chart and summarize what you have learned about child safety seats in the space provided below.

What I have learned about child safety seats

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## Link to Essential Skills

Essential skills are the skills needed for work, learning, and life ([www.hrsdc.gc.ca](http://www.hrsdc.gc.ca)). They are enabling skills that help you perform daily tasks as well as tasks required on the job. In this lesson you will focus on **computer use** as an essential skill. You will use the Internet to locate the document entitled “Tips for buying a child safety seat or booster seat” from the Alberta Health Services website. Write down the steps you took in order to find the document.

Steps to finding the document “Tips for buying a child safety seat or booster seat”

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Imagine that you have a friend, Jonathan, who needs to buy a car safety seat or a booster seat for his four-year-old daughter. Jonathan would like to know what to look for when buying a safety seat for a preschooler. You know where to get this information. You have decided you are going to call Jonathan on the phone and tell him how to find the information he is looking for. In the space below complete the telephone conversation you might have with your friend Jonathan.

**Jonathan:** *Hello*

**You:** Hi Jonathan. It's \_\_\_\_\_ . How are you?

**Jonathan:** *I am doing well \_\_\_\_\_ . How are you?*

**You:**

**Jonathan:**

## Answer Keys

### Reading Comprehension

1. Four types of child safety seats are described in the brochure
2. A child can get seriously injured or may get killed if there is a collision.
3. Yes
4. A combined seat works as a forward facing seat when the child weighs between 20 -40lb. It can then be converted to a booster seat when the child weighs more than 40lb.
5. 80lb or 37Kg
6. Alberta Centre for Injury, Control and Research, Government of Alberta, Alberta Health Services, Municipal police services, Transport Canada, Calgary Police Service, Edmonton Police Service, Royal Canadian Mounted Police, St. John Ambulance
7. 403-943-LINK (5465)
8. 310-0000
9. [www.tc.gc.ca](http://www.tc.gc.ca)

### Vocabulary Development

#### A. Context Clues

1. Snug means fitting closely
2. Rear means the part of something that is opposite to or away from the front part : the back part of something
3. Armpit means the hollow area on a person's body beneath the place where the arm and the shoulder meet
4. Occupant means a person who is in a room, vehicle, etc., at a particular time

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### Grammar Focus / Pragmatic Competence

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1.	consequence	Consequence	_____	Consequential	Consequentially
2.	Interfere	Interference	Interfere	Interfering	
3.	Secure	Secureness	Secure	Secure	Securely
4.	Responsibility	Responsibility		Responsible	Responsibly
5.	Combination	Combination	Combine	Combinational	
6.	Strap	Strap	Strap		_____
7.	Equip		Equip	Equipped	
8.	Enforcement	Enforcement	Enforce	Enforceable	Enforcedly
9.	Universal			Universal	Universally

### Activity 2

Combined.	Combined.
Consequence.	Consequence.

### Link to Essential Skills

1. Type [www.google.ca](http://www.google.ca)
2. Type "Tips for buying a child safety seat or booster seat"

3. Search and click on the link from Alberta Health Services