

Three-Level Reading Guide: Decelerating Safely

1. Check the statements below that you think agree with what the reading says. Sometimes, the exact words found in the reading are used. At other times, other words may be used to communicate the same meaning.

_____ **a.** When a car stops suddenly, the passengers keep moving until they hit something.

_____ **b.** Air bags increase the pressure on the body during an accident.

_____ **c.** A crumple zone helps passengers avoid harmful forces during an accident.

2. Check the statements below that you think represent the intended meaning of the reading.

_____ **a.** Brakes work by decreasing friction between the brake pads and the wheels.

_____ **b.** Controlling the deceleration of the passengers helps reduce injuries in an accident.

_____ **c.** Air bags help passengers concentrate the impact on one small area of the forehead instead of spreading it out over the head, neck, and shoulders.

3. Check the statements below that you agree with, and be ready to support your choices with ideas from the reading and from your own knowledge and beliefs.

_____ **a.** Safety features have not improved much over the years.

_____ **b.** Tires are the most important safety item.

_____ **c.** Designing safe cars is more important than reducing driver distractions.