

Mystery Reading

Joe was about _____. His longer wavy surfer haircut blew in the breeze as he gracefully moved along the sidewalk altering his balance and occasionally pushing off with one foot so that his _____ would turn. The day was _____ so he had shed his jacket in favor of a tank top. He had the latest indie rock blaring into his headset. He was just happy he did not have to be in school today. He had his first term paper ever to do, but it would wait till Sunday.

Joe approached the accident from the North side. The bus had hit the small car with a force so great that it _____. The firefighters were working hard with the Jaws of Life to pry open the driver's side door as the passenger door was smashed into the wall. The _____ was speaking with the paramedic who had taken her blood pressure. She had some burns on her face from where the _____ had inflated at the point of impact. She was worried about her daughter who was sitting in the _____ seat. She indicated that she would not start the car until her daughter had buckled up. Now she was glad she had.

The passenger was alive but there was a cut on her right shoulder. The firefighter thought she had broken the _____ side window when the car hit the wall.

As the victims were removed from the car, there were bruises evident on the driver's left and the passenger's right shoulders. Joe thought back to driver's education and thought these might have been caused by the _____.

Joe, always the investigator, had noticed skid marks where the car had tried to stop. There was no stop sign on the road with the skids. There were no skid marks by the stop sign where the bus had come from. This told Joe that the _____ had probably not seen the _____ pull out from the stop sign.