

EVOLVE LEVEL 6, Unit Quiz 3A

- Danielle** Hey, Eric, how's the new electric scooter?
- Eric** OK. But I had a near miss on it last week.
- Danielle** Are you serious?
- Eric** Yeah. And it was all my fault. I was heading down the sidewalk towards an intersection. I was going pretty fast because ... well because that was the point of getting one, to get to work fast. Anyway, I could see that the light was about to change, and I was trying to beat it.
- Danielle** Were you wearing a helmet?
- Eric** I should've been. My wife told me to get one, but since my scooter is not that powerful, I figured I would be fine. My bad. Anyway, by the time I got to the intersection, the light was yellow, but I thought I still had time to cross. I saw a car in the turning lane, but I figured he'd stop for the yellow light. But no! He was trying to beat the light, too! I had to swerve out of his way.
- Danielle** And he hit you?
- Eric** No. I was so fixated on getting out of the way of the car that I didn't notice that a cyclist had stopped in my lane. I was going so fast that I didn't have time to react. I should've practiced braking in emergency situations a little more. So I crashed into him. He jumped off the bike, so he was OK, but I ended up on the ground.
- Danielle** Are you OK?
- Eric** I got a massive bruise on my knee and shoulder. And I ruined my new pants. That upset me the most. My wife says I shouldn't blame myself and that everything is easier in hindsight, but when I look back at all the things I could have done, I can only blame myself.
- Danielle** I'm glad you're OK. Are you gonna keep using it?
- Eric** I'm reconsidering. I might sell it and get an electric bike.