

Worksheet 2 – Runaway Ghost Train Railway Safety

Frank knew immediately how dangerous the situation was. Passengers tend to cross the tracks at many railway stations, before boarding the train.

Crossing the tracks at a train station when the lights are flashing and the boom gates are down is not only extremely dangerous; it is also against the law. Unfortunately, many people suffer terrible injuries or even lose their lives due to negligent behaviour around moving trains.

Task 1: Prepare an oral presentation suitable for children aged 8-10 years old about keeping safe near railway crossings and tracks.

Include in your presentation:

- ◇ Where to cross at railway crossings
- ◇ What to do before crossing
- ◇ How to behave near or around railway tracks
- ◇ Identification of railway signs and what they mean

Also offer facts about trains and why they are so dangerous. Include:

- ◇ their weight
- ◇ their speed
- ◇ the sound they make as they approach
- ◇ how long they take to stop once the brakes are applied
- ◇ their restricted movement

Task 2: Present your report orally to your targeted audience. Use one or more of the following aids to assist with your presentation: palm cards, power point presentation, smart board or props.

Extension Activities:

- Plan and write an argument text in response to the following topic: *Trains should be fitted with seatbelts.*
- Research the history of trains from the humble steam engine to the modern day bullet train.