

Script 3: Reckless Driving, Speeding, Overtaking, Safe Distances

SFX:	V/O:
TV sounds faintly on background,	Kagiso: (Quite insistently) Come on Dad, let's go, let's go!
Sound of Molefi getting up from a chair and picking up his keys	Molefi: (A little grumpy) Okay, Okay!
Sound of them walking on gravel to the car, car doors opening and closing, sound of Molefi starting the car and pulling off...driving	Kagiso: Please Dad, I don't want to be late! (Disappointed) And now it's started to rain!
Sound of rain on the roof of the car, driving sounds, sounds of traffic, hooting in the background now and then	Molefi: We'll be there in plenty of time...
Sound of cars passing etc., Normal traffic sounds throughout.	Kagiso: Can't you just speed up a bit Dad? Look, you can overtake that car in front...
	Molefi: (Annoyed) Kagiso! It's raining and the roads are slippery... I'm not driving recklessly to please you! That's how accidents happen...
	Kagiso: But there's plenty of time to overtake, see the road is clear ahead!
	Molefi: You see, that's how people make stupid mistakes... look... there's an intersection to your left further along... a car could come out and we wouldn't even see it until too late.
	Molefi: That's exactly what happened in your cousin, Lerato's accident. She's in a wheelchair today because a reckless driver from behind, tried

to overtake on a blind bend. When he saw how close the oncoming car was, he panicked and swerved into Lerato's car, causing that terrible accident.

Molefi: Speeding is not only breaking the speed limit, but also going too fast for the road conditions, and it causes fatal accidents.

Molefi: When you speed, you don't have enough time to stop in an emergency, and if you do have an accident, your injuries will be that much worse.

Molefi: When you're overtaking you need to be especially careful and make sure you can see far enough ahead to see it's safe... and there are lots of other things you need to take into account... can you think of any?

Kagiso: (Considering) Mmm... (Excited he thinks of something) you need to be able to pull back onto your side of the road in plenty of time...

Molefi: Yes...

Kagiso; (More excited) And...and you shouldn't overtake on busy streets... or where it could be dangerous for the car in front or oncoming traffic?

Molefi: Very good Kagiso, remember, never where there are bends or curves in the road, or where a car has

stopped to drop off a passenger...

Molefi: Safe following distances are vital in road safety – they can mean the difference between life and death. When you're travelling at a safe distance, you have time to stop or avoid a crash. And there's a very simple formula for working out what is a safe following distance - it's called the 3-second rule, and it works like this...

Watch the car in front of you, when it passes a tree, sign or pole, then count to yourself using the full words...one thousand and one, one thousand and two, one thousand and three... if you've already passed that tree or pole before you finish, then you are following too close behind the car in front. Simple.

When you follow too close behind someone, it's also called tailgating, and it causes most of all the rear-end collisions, and **a lot** of road rage - and you don't want to get involved with that my boy!

Kagiso: Sho' Dad, it's dangerous out there!

Molefi: That's true Kagiso, but when you follow the rules of the road in the first place, you at least give yourself, and your family, a better chance of survival on the roads.

MV/O: We choose not to speed.

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