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**IMAGINE YOU ARE A SUPER HERO
AND YOUR MISSION IS TO MAKE
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SAFER FOR CHILDREN.**



Third place

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Dearest Mum and Dad,

This is your brave boy S-24/7 writing!

Are you and the inhabitants of our planet Love-365 happy and living in peace?

I am writing from Planet Earth, where my mission to make the roads safer for all children continues.

This beautiful blue planet is home to 8 billion people, and 2 billion of them are aged under 14. And yet, every day, hundreds of children leave their homes to go to school, to play with others, and never return home, or go home physically or mentally disabled, having suffered a road accident.

Every four minutes, the Road Accident Demon takes a little angel from the Earth, leaving a tormenting pain for those left behind.

So powerful has this demon grown that road accidents are now the number one cause of death for children and teenagers worldwide.

Mum and Dad,

With my super-vision, I can foresee accidents involving children on Planet Earth. Whether in Europe, Asia, America or Africa, I instantly arrive on the scene, thanks to my ability to multiply my presence and fly through space in the blink of an eye, faster than the speed of light.

To prevent humans from spotting me, I disguise myself to get ahead of the Road Accident Demon.

I might be the police officer kindly helping the group of children to cross the road.

Or the school counsellor reminding parents of the need for children to wear a helmet and safety belt.

Or the street sweeper who stops her work to tell children to stay on the pedestrian walkway.

Or I might be a strong gust of wind which stops vehicles from going too fast, forcing them to drive at less than 30 km/h in areas where there are a lot of children.

Every day, I use my thought-transplanting power to replace dangerous ideas like speeding, overtaking on narrow stretches, going the wrong way down the street... with the right thoughts: "safety first".

I am faster than the speed of light, stronger than space cyclones... but my greatest and most precious strength is LOVE for all forms of living beings, because I come from the planet Love-365.

Mum and Dad, I thank you for naming me S-24/7. By happy coincidence, here on Planet Earth, S stands for several beautiful words: super-hero; sacrifice; safety. My super-hero self is ready to make sacrifices for the safety of children, day and night.



And I also understand that a super-hero, whatever his superpower, will find it hard to make all roads safer for children forever. That beautiful thing will only exist when everyone fully understands and properly observes the rules of the road.

And, when that happens, the Road Accident Demon will be sucked into the Black Hole of the universe for all eternity.

Beloved parents,

As I am writing this letter, the whole of Planet Earth is commemorating the victims of road accidents. The third Sunday of November each year is the day when we remind everyone that road accidents are not the problem of one person, one country, one continent or one planet, and that children are our future, and all children deserve to be able to return home safely.

Every traveller wants to return to their homeland, including super-heroes. When the roads have truly become safe for children, I will return to you. That day is still far, far away, but let's remain confident and hopeful!

I am entrusting my letter to the good winds of the universe, and I send you both a big hug.

I love you with all my heart!

S-24/7





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Write a letter to someone explaining which super powers you would need to achieve your mission.