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Source Showdown

Directions: Read both texts about the same topic. Then answer the questions to compare **confirmations**, **contradictions**, and **different perspectives**.

Text One

The school district plans to introduce electric scooters for student transportation next year. Supporters say the program will reduce morning traffic and help students arrive on time. The district reports that similar programs in nearby towns lowered bus delays by fifteen percent. Officials also believe the scooters will encourage responsibility and independence among middle school and high school students.

Text Two

Some parents have raised concerns about the district's scooter plan. They argue that electric scooters could increase the risk of injuries, especially during bad weather. A local safety group reports that scooter accidents have risen in the past two years. These critics believe walking and biking remain safer options for students.

Crosscheck Questions

1. What topic do both texts discuss?
2. Name one detail that **confirms** the topic is the same in both texts.
3. What is one **positive claim** from Text One?
4. What is one **negative claim** from Text Two?
5. Identify one **contradiction** between the two sources.
6. Which text focuses more on **benefits**?
7. Which text focuses more on **risks**?
8. How does the **perspective** of school officials differ from the perspective of parents?
9. Which source seems more **supportive** of the scooter program? Explain in one sentence.