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Lesson 4

Period: _____

Why Airborne Infants Aren't Required to Buckle Up

Directions. Read the *Handy Dandy Guide* and the mystery. Read the clues. Be careful.

While all the clues are correct, only some are *useful* in solving the mystery. Decide which clues are most relevant to solving the mystery. Use the clues and one or more of the ideas from the *Handy Dandy Guide* to figure out a solution to the mystery. Write your solution.

Handy Dandy Guide

1. People *choose*.
2. People's choices involve *costs*.
3. People respond to *incentives* in predictable ways.
4. People create *economic systems* that influence individual choices and incentives.
5. People gain when they *trade* voluntarily.
6. People's choices have consequences that lie in the *future*.

The Mystery

Infant airline passengers who ride in their own safety seats fly more safely than those who ride in their parents' laps. Yet the U.S. government does not require the use of safety seats for infants. It has concluded that establishing such a rule would increase the number of infants killed in accidents while traveling.

Why wouldn't requiring safety seats save more babies?

The Clues

1. The Federal Aviation Administration in 1995 refused to require the use of safety seats for airborne infants.
2. In 1998, there were no air fatalities for United States-based air carriers.
3. Parents usually have to buy an extra ticket if they choose to use an infant safety seat, but not if the child travels seated in a parent's lap.
4. Travelers in automobiles are more likely to be involved in accidents than are travelers in airplanes.
5. The Federal Aviation Administration encourages voluntary use of safety seats for infants.
6. Airlines offer consumers special discounts to encourage people to fly at certain times.
7. The number of people flying has increased over the past 20 years.
8. Flight attendants have special training to handle most air emergencies.
9. Afternoon flights are more likely to be delayed than morning flights.

Record your solution and explain it briefly here:
