

Chapter Summary

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Chapter 1

The story starts with yet another member of the hedgehog family being run over and the characters of Ma and Pa being introduced. We are also introduced to their four children, three sows and a boar.

Chapter 2

In this chapter, we follow Max's quest to find out how humans cross the road safely. Max, who is the main character, notices humans crossing the street. Max thinks if humans can cross the road there safely then why can't hedgehogs?

Chapter 3

This chapter begins with Max attempting to cross the road just like a human.

Chapter 4

In this chapter, Max is recovering from being hurt. His Ma and Pa worry about him, and Pa jokes that his brain is scrambled from being hit by a cyclist.

Chapter 5

Max, who is an inquisitive hedgehog, stands outside a phone box wondering why the person inside is talking to themselves. As he stands there, the door opens and gives Max a tremendous bang on the head.

Chapter 6

Chapter Six begins with Pa eating all the dog food left out next door and falling into a deep sleep. With a bad headache from his banged head, Max hurries home and realises when he speaks that his words are not muddled up anymore.

Chapter 7

Everyone is excited because Max is home safely and his family feast on snails. Max decides that he will go on and find the safe crossing place used by the small humans.

Chapter 8

This chapter begins with Max feeling really excited that at last he may be successful in his quest to cross the road safely.

Chapter 9

This final chapter starts with the family, including Uncle B, setting off to cross the road together. The book finishes with hedgehogs from the future telling their children all about the 'First Crossing': the legendary story of Max and his family crossing the road safely.

