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Another in the series of Illinois Agriculture in the Classroom non-fiction text examples to be used in your classroom. Remember, these will be available every MONDAY afternoon that *FarmWeek* is published during the school year.

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\*\*Reminder these questions are designed to use with the on-line version of *FarmWeek.*

<http://digital.farmweeknow.com/app.php?RelId=6.2.2.7>

Note, by request of teachers we have included the answers to the questions immediately following the questions on a separate worksheet.

**Take precaution with farm machinery, grain loads at rail crossings**

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**Directions:** Please use the online version of *FarmWeek.* <http://digital.farmweeknow.com/app.php?RelId=6.2.2.7>

Use the article titled: Take precautions with farm machinery, grain loads at rail crossings

1. When is Rail Safety Week?
2. Name and describe the three areas of focus for Rail Safety Week 2019.
3. What will conditions be like during rail safety week in your area?
4. The article discusses ‘crossing pitch’. Using context clues, what does this mean?
5. What reasons can be given for increased amounts of road construction this year?
6. Name one vehicle that legally must stop at all railroad crossings,
7. Describe what should happen if a vehicle is stuck on the tracks.

Bonus Article

Refer to <https://www.foxbusiness.com/media/village-people-missouri-farmers-ymca-usmca>

Farmers Feud: ‘YMCA’ parody strikes chord with Village People

1. What group filmed a parody of YMCA?
2. What does the USMCA stand for?
3. Name the frontman for the Village People.
4. How would a group properly go about using a parody?
5. What do you think about the use of a parody?

ANSWER KEY: Take precautions with farm machinery, grain loads at rail crossings

1. When is Rail Safety Week? *September 22-28*
2. Name and describe the three areas of focus for Rail Safety Week 2019.

*Distracted driving, commuter safety, pedestrian safety*

1. What will conditions be like during rail safety week in your area?

*Conditions will vary, but this might be the first week of harvest*

1. The article discusses ‘crossing pitch’. Using context clues, what does this mean?  *Because railroad track beds are usually elevated, the hill or slope leading to the tracks is referred to as the ‘pitch’.*

5.What reasons can be given for increased amounts of road construction this year? *Answers will vary, but the wet spring forced road construction back, and the new administration at the state level has pushed through more construction.*

6.Name one vehicle that legally must stop at all railroad crossings. *School Busses must stop.*

7.Describe what should happen if a vehicle is stuck on the tracks. *Answers will vary but this is described in paragraph 10.*

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1. What group filmed a parody of YMCA? *The Missouri Farm Bureau*

1. What does the USMCA stand for? *United States Mexico Canada Trade Agreement*
2. Name the frontman for the Village People. *Victor Willis*
3. How would a group properly go about using a parody?  *Contact the artist and obtain a licensing agreement.*
4. What do you think about the use of a parody? *Answers will vary.*