

**CHAPTER 20 ACTIVITY**  
**Basic Concepts**GLENCOE  
**STREET LAW**  
*A Course in Practical Law*

**Directions:** Determine whether each statement is true or false. Write **T** or True or **F** for False next to each of the statements. For every statement that is false, explain why it is false. Write your answers on a separate sheet of paper.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Maurice takes some cold medicine. The directions on the bottle state that a person taking this medication should not operate a car or other machinery. Maurice gets in his car and drives to the store and back. Maurice has committed a negligence tort.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Negligence is the tort of being forgetful.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Negligence law is primarily concerned with compensating victims who are harmed by a wrongdoer's action or inaction that violates the standard of reasonableness.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ The reasonable person represents the typical, average individual.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ To sue a professional for negligence, the standard used is the reasonably skilled member of that profession.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ Persons under the age of 18 cannot be sued for their negligent acts.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ Wrongdoers who cause injury to any persons are liable for the damage, regardless of how close the connection was between their act and the injury.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ Jasper crashes his car into Si's car and causes injury to Si and his car. Five minutes later, Tanya crashes her car into Si's car and also injures Si and his car. If Jasper does not have insurance or money to pay for Si's injuries, Tanya will be responsible for all the injuries, even those caused by Jasper.
9. \_\_\_\_\_ There are two types of injuries in a tort: (1) bodily injury and (2) pain and suffering.
10. \_\_\_\_\_ Contributory negligence is used in very few states.
11. \_\_\_\_\_ Under contributory negligence, if the plaintiff is 1 percent at fault, and the defendant is 99 percent at fault, the plaintiff will recover no damages for the plaintiff's injuries.
12. \_\_\_\_\_ Under comparative negligence, the total damages are \$10,000, the plaintiff Tiny is 20 percent at fault, and the defendant Jorge is 80 percent at fault, Tiny will get \$8,000 from Jorge.
13. \_\_\_\_\_ Dan is hiking into an ice cave at a state park. There is a sign explaining that due to warming weather the ice cave is dangerous and no one should enter it. Dan goes in and the ice cave collapses on him. He suffers serious injuries and sues the state parks for negligence. If the state park is successful in its claim that Dan assumed the risk by entering the ice cave, the state parks will not pay Dan any money.
14. \_\_\_\_\_ While doing a community service project in a Caribbean Island, 18-year-old Geoff purchases a machete. While trying to crack open a cocoanut, Geoff cuts his hand and has to have 30 stitches. Geoff will be successful in his lawsuit because there was no warning given about the dangers of machetes.