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English in America intermediate: 6. Transportation: 1. Understanding Traffic Signs

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What do these traffic signs mean? Drag the words to the correct pictures. What other traffic signs do you know? Draw them and tell a partner what they mean.

Don't drive faster than 25 mph

No bicycles

No left turn

Turn left





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Choose the correct words to complete the expressions.

1. check

2. cross

3. watch

4. obey

5. cause



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Drag the actions to the correct categories.

yield the right-of-way

come to a complete stop

cross the street

watch out

obey traffic signs

Driver

Pedestrian

Both



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Glossary



Drag the words to form expressions. Then choose four expressions and write a sentence for each one in your notebook.

when wet road day traffic sign crossing

1. rainy

2. merging

3. railroad

4. warning

5. winding

6. slippery



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Match the words to their definitions.

1 warn

2 approach

3 prepare

4 ahead

5 merge

6 mph

☐

a. come together, become one

☐

b. get ready

☐

c. in front, before

☐

d. come near

☐

e. tell someone to be careful

☐

f. miles per hour

 Listen to the presentation, then choose True or False.

1. A red circle with a line through it means you're not allowed to do something.	True	False
2. You could cause an accident if you get a ticket.	True	False
3. All traffic signs tell us what we may not do.	True	False
4. A triangular sign means you must stop.	True	False
5. When you yield the right-of-way, you let other cars pass.	True	False



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Listen to the presentation. Then drag the words to complete the sentences.

prepare

snake

crossing

skidding

traffic

1. You should slow down when you approach a railroad .

2. If there is a railroad crossing ahead, you should drive slowly and to stop.

3. The arrow in the sign for a winding road looks like a .

4. The sign for merging shows a road merging from the side.

5. A sign with a car that's means that the road is slippery when wet.



UNDERSTANDING TRAFFIC SIGNS

When you see these signs, you must:

- 1  Come to a complete stop.
- 2  Slow down and yield the right-of-way.
- 3  Continue straight ahead or turn left. Do not make a U-turn.
- 4  Slow down and stop for children crossing the street.

When you see these signs, you should:

- 1  Slow down. Drive 5-10 mph more slowly when the road is wet.
- 2  Slow down and be ready to stop, if necessary.
- 3  Let other cars merge safely.
- 4  Look, listen, slow down and prepare to stop.

Here's what could happen if you don't obey traffic signs:

- 1 You could get a traffic ticket if a police officer stops you.
- 2 You could cause a serious accident. Drive carefully!

Read the text about traffic signs. Then drag the words to complete the text.

obey drive slow down skid cause
merge come yield

Traffic Signs

There are some traffic signs that drivers have to

1 right away. One of them is the sign that says STOP. When drivers see this sign, they must
2 to a complete stop. Another one is the sign that says YIELD. When drivers see this sign, they must
3 and 4 the right-of-way.

There are some signs that tell drivers what they should do so as not to 5 a serious accident. For example, there is a sign that warns drivers that if the road is wet, they might 6 . Another example is a sign that tells drivers what to do if there are other cars that want to 7 .

Drivers have to understand all the traffic signs and

8 carefully!



Choose the correct answer for each picture.

1. Maria is driving on the road. She sees this traffic sign.
What should she do?

2. Ed is driving home in the rain. He sees this traffic sign.
What should he do?

3. Samantha is driving to work. She sees this sign.
What should she do?

4. Leo is driving to the mall. He sees this sign.
What should he do?

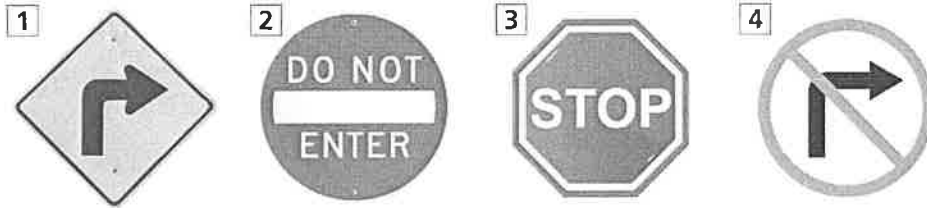


INTRODUCING THE TOPIC

Name: _____

1a Look at the traffic signs below. With a partner, answer the questions.

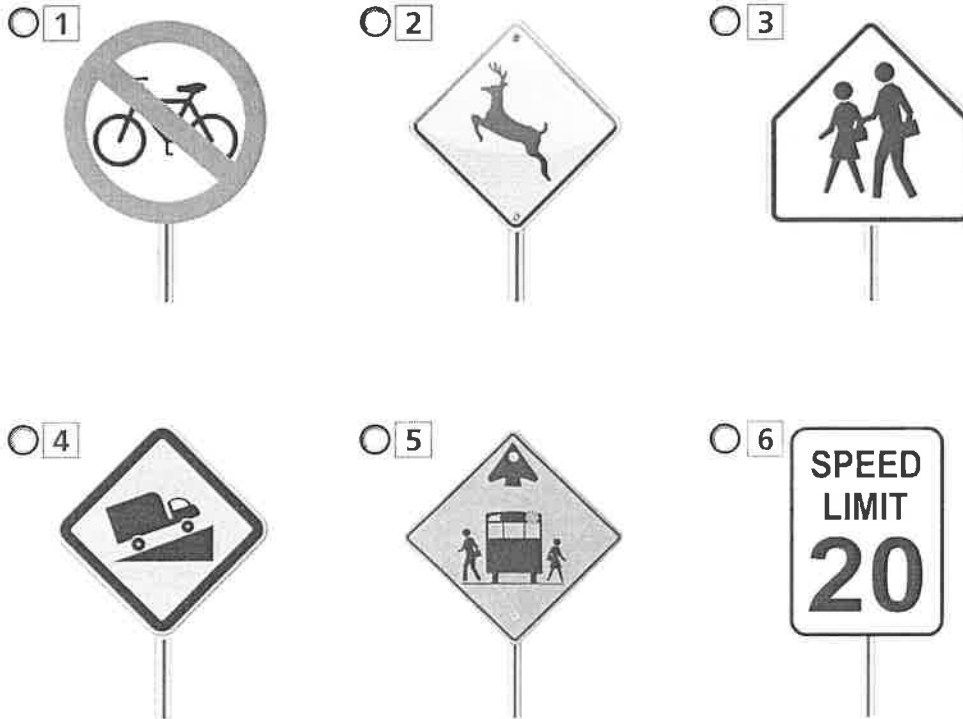
1. Which TWO signs tell drivers what to do? _____
2. Which TWO signs tell drivers what NOT to do? _____



1b With a partner, discuss what you think each sign means.

I think this sign means that ...

2 Which signs below do you think you would see near a school? Circle.



VOCABULARY 1

Name: _____

1 What shape is it? Label the pictures.

U-shaped • triangular • line • eight-sided • circle • arrow



1. _____



2. _____



3. _____



4. _____



5. _____



6. _____

2 Circle the correct answers.

1. Drive in the ____ of the arrow.

- ☐ a. direction ☐ b. vehicle ☐ c. bicycle

2. Do you know what this traffic sign ____ ?

- ☐ a. stops ☐ b. means ☐ c. passes

3. A ____ is crossing the street.

- ☐ a. U-turn ☐ b. direction ☐ c. pedestrian

4. Drivers should ____ when they see a yellow light.

- ☐ a. cross the street ☐ b. slow down ☐ c. pass

5. John got a ____ because he drove through the red light.

- ☐ a. vehicle ☐ b. traffic ticket ☐ c. school crossing

3a Match A to B to form phrases.

- | | |
|----------|---------------------------|
| 1. check | ___ a. to a complete stop |
| 2. come | ___ b. an accident |
| 3. yield | ___ c. carefully |
| 4. drive | ___ d. the right-of-way |
| 5. slow | <u>1</u> e. traffic |
| 6. cause | ___ f. down |

3b Fill in the sentences with the phrases from Exercise 3a.

- You must check traffic in all directions before you continue driving.
- It is important to always _____.
- Drive carefully or you could _____.
- To _____ means to let other cars go first.
- A red light means that you must _____.
- There's a school ahead. You should _____.

VOCABULARY 2

Name: _____

1 Circle the correct answers.

1. Drive carefully when the road is wet / straight.
2. There are two cars on the side / sign of the road.
3. This traffic sign warns us to slow down and prepare / approach to stop.
4. There is a warning / winding road ahead.
5. He slowed down to let the truck skid / merge safely.

2 Circle the correct answers to the questions below.

1. What could happen when you drive fast on a wet road?
☐ a. You could merge.
☐ b. You could skid.
2. What traffic sign has an arrow that looks like a snake?
☐ a. The sign for danger ahead.
☐ b. The sign for a winding road.
3. When should a driver slow down to let cars in?
☐ a. When there is a railroad crossing.
☐ b. When there is merging traffic.
4. How can you drive safely on a rainy day?
☐ a. You can drive more slowly.
☐ b. You can warn other drivers.
5. Where can you safely drive 60 mph?
☐ a. On a straight road.
☐ b. On a winding road.

3 Fill in the mini-dialogues with the words below. Then practice them with a partner.

merging • rainy • side • winding • sign • ~~crossing~~ • slippery • slowly

A: Slow down! We are approaching a railroad ¹ crossing.

B: Yes. I also saw the warning ² _____.

A: Why are you driving so slowly?

B: It's a ³ _____ day, and the road can be ⁴ _____ when it's wet.

A: Did you see that sign?

B: Yes. It's a sign that shows ⁵ _____ traffic. It means you have to let cars coming from the ⁶ _____ merge safely.

A: Slow down. There is a ⁷ _____ road ahead.

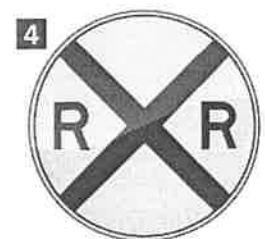
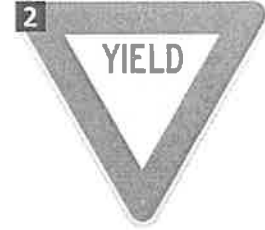
B: You're right. I'll drive ⁸ _____.

PRESENTING

Name: _____

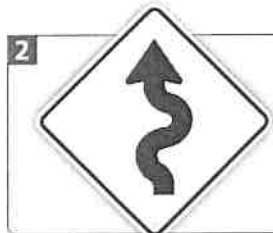
1 Look at the signs below. Write what each sign means. Use the list to help you.

- Come to a complete stop.
- The road is slippery when wet.
- Yield the right-of-way.
- There's a winding road ahead.
- Watch out for merging traffic.
- Do not make a U-turn.
- There's a school nearby.
- There's a railroad crossing ahead.



1. Come to a complete stop.
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

2a Point to a picture and tell your partner what it means. Use the sentences from the list in Exercise 1 to help you.



2b What could happen if you don't obey the traffic signs?