

Practical Test Flashcards

Reflect back to make your perfect presentation on
the day



Be your instructor in your test.

Repeat the details of what you should do and how you should do it just like in your first few driving lessons.



Plan ahead - what can you see ahead?

What is the developing hazard and how will you need to respond to it?



MSPSL

Mirror, Signal, Position, Speed, Look
Follow these procedures in throughout your test.



Pulling in on the left

The examiner will be looking at you for your MSPSL procedure and expect you to **Look in your blind spot before pulling away.**



Check over your shoulder

Checking your blind spots and over the correct shoulder is a must before pulling away, before, during and after a manoeuvre, after an emergency stop and if safe to do so when changing lanes.



Stay Calm

Don't let your nerves take over or frustration, if you know you get nervous in test situations prepare yourself and use the resources available to help you before your test.



Mistakes are part of learning

If you make a mistake, didn't give up, learn from it, be aware of it and try to correct it safely, such as come out again and correct your manoeuvre rather than let the vehicle mount the curb



The examiner is there to watch your presentation.

You have been demonstrated, attempted, practised, edited, revised, rehearsed and now are presenting your final presentation- make it your best performance - a competent, safe and confident driver.



Don't expect instead be determined.

Take the right attitude towards your test, don't expect to pass, instead be determined to pass, your focus is so important and having the right attitude rather than a *'relax, it's easy approach'* will help you achieve your goal.



Explain your decisions

I am going to hold back - there is not enough room,
I am just going to correct that,
That driver doesn't look safe, I am going to hold back.
I am going to let them cross, that's the safest thing to do.
I am going to wait for the cyclist before continuing my
manoeuvre,
The driver is waiting for me, so I am going to continue,



Read the signs

Signs for lanes and directions, signs for speed, warning signs, stop signs, bus lane signs.



Can I use the bus lane?

If you can use it, you are expected to use it, if it is restricted or has time restrictions then you are supposed to be aware of them by reading the signs on approach.



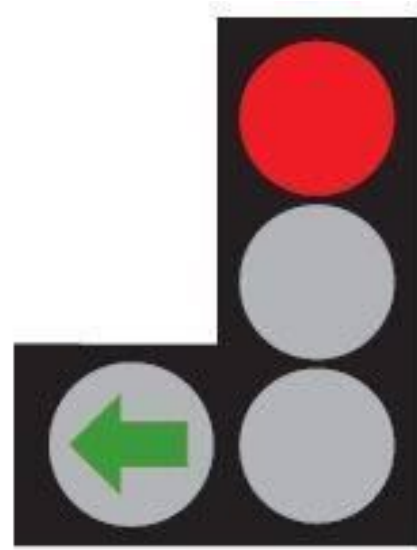
Watch your speed

The examiner may use this term to warn you that you are creeping over the speed limit, it doesn't mean you have failed so do something about it. Use it as a warning.



Look out for your filter light.

They can change without the red and amber



Respond to amber lights

Lights change to amber - you have 3 seconds before it turns red.

So check your rear view mirror and if it is safe to do so - **stop**.

If it is not safe to stop and you are too close to the lights to stop in time without causing an accident, you may have to go.



Assess the safest route to take with roadworks

Each set of roadworks you face are set up differently so assess each one on approach and work out the correct route you need to take.



Read and respond to roadworks signs

Look for the signs that control the flow of traffic - stop means **STOP**



Reduced space, reduce speed

Tight residential streets may mean you have to borrow space on the other side of the road, assess whether you can fit - if not hold back, if you can then you may have to slow down and pass closer to the parked cars at a reduced speed.



Passing parked vehicles

Passing parked vehicles needs you to pass with a car door width apart, you can fail your test for driving too close and potentially could clip vehicles you are passing.



Don't wander off in a daydream

Don't wander off in a daydream during your test, the examiner expects focus, concentration and control. Silence can make it an uncomfortable environment - so if you are unable to spark a conversation then talk in your head about what you should be doing.



Music can help calm nerves

You can request to have the radio on in our test as it can help you calm your nerves, be aware of the volume you select and mood that the music creates. It can't distract you.



Take a positive approach

A positive mindset and positive thoughts help you achieve your goal so you don't give up. Tell yourself you can do it. Remember how far you have come, what you have learnt and that you have proved to your instructor before your test that you can do it.



A good night sleep

Sleep before your test is so important so that you are alert and focussed. Your diet on the day, what you eat and drink can also have an effect on how you perform.



Unsure Of Directions

If you are unsure of the directions that you have been given to take then don't be afraid to ask the examiner to repeat them or point to where you think you should be going.



Wrong lane

If you are in the wrong lane, then this is not a bad thing - go in the direction you can in that lane using the correct signals for that lane and admit you are in the wrong lane and making the decision to take the safest route considering the situation. The satnav or examiner will then redivert you later on.



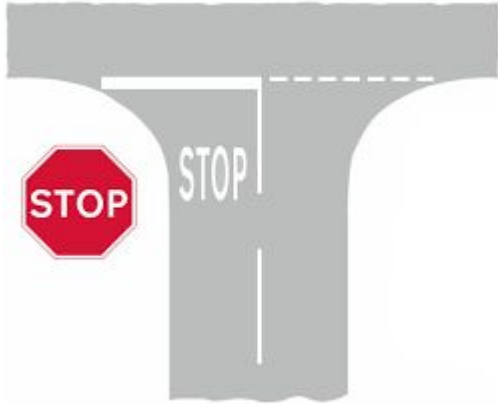
Coming out on the right.

If you come out of a roundabout or junction in the right hand lane by mistake - make the conscious decision to come back over to the left as soon as possible and when it is safe to do so to prevent you being overtaken on the left and failing your test.



Stop Line / Sign or Give Way?

Read the signs and road markings and respond to them correctly.



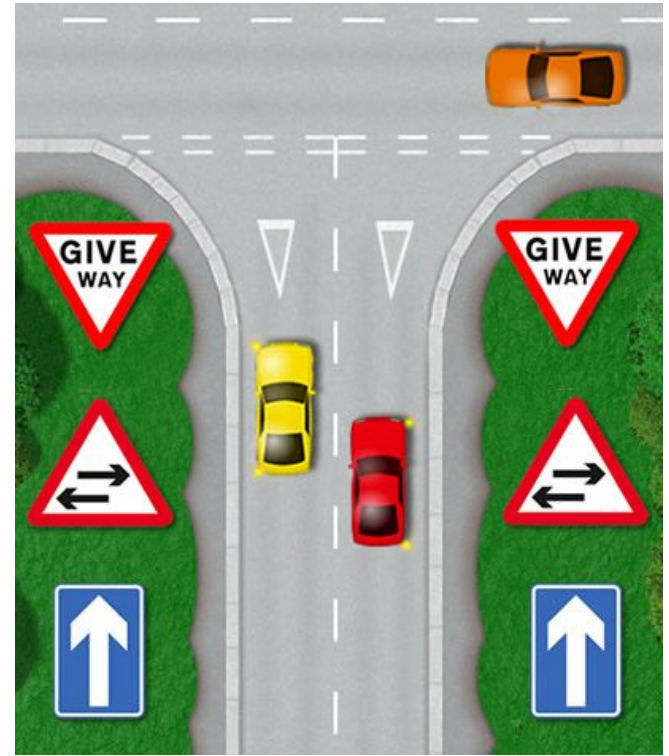
One Way Street

Be aware that you are in a one way street, read the signs and position the car in the correct lane for the direction intend to go at the end of the road

Turning right - right hand lane,

Turning left - left hand lane,

If you are going straight on the you will need to keep it to the left.



Car Parks

Be aware of the directions of lanes in a car park - is it 2 way or one way only. If you are reversing out of your space you need to know the correct way to position your vehicle.

Look for the signs for the exit.



Car Parks with no give way lines

Be careful in car parks with no give way lines, the junctions are similar to that of crossroads with no markings, no one has right of way so you need to work with the other traffic and potentially wait your turn and give way.



Test centre car parks with no markings

If the test centre car park has no markings in and out to of the site then keep to your correct side of the road and let traffic in or out if you need to or look for opportunities when other vehicles let you go.

