

Signspotters

Teacher Notes

Description

The purpose of this game is to educate the class about the importance of road signs for all road users.

Time to complete

Interactive game: About 20 minutes

Paper alternative: 20+ minutes

How to use

- Look at each sign and choose the meaning you think is correct.
- Allow pupils to complete the interactive to see how well they've scored between all the classmates.
- If individual computer access is not available complete the game on interactive whiteboards, in teams or individually.
- The paper alternative can be used if no computer equipment is available. These can be downloaded from the "Your Call" website.

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Discussion points

1. Why is it important for road users to understand road signs?

Road signs tell us what we need to know about the road:

- Maximum speed
- Prohibited travel e.g. NO RIGHT TURN, NO ENTRY
- Parking restrictions

Road signs make us aware of potential danger:

- Slippery roads
- Hidden dip
- Sharp bend
- Severe weather warnings
- Accident ahead

Road signs alert us when more vulnerable road-users may be nearby:

- Elderly
- School children
- Or even wild animals

As pedestrians/cyclists we can use these signs to anticipate hazards and the likely effect this will have on driver behaviour.

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2. There are signs specifically for pedestrians and pedal cycles. As pedestrians/cyclists, do you know what some of the signs could be? Have you come across any before?

- No pedestrians.
- Pedestrian crossing nearby.
- Zebra crossing.
- Shared route for pedal cycles and pedestrians only.
- Riding of pedal cycles prohibited.
- Parking for pedal cycles.

4. Have you noticed anything about signs of similar shape or similar colour? What do they have in common?

There are three basic types of traffic sign: signs that give orders, signs that warn and signs that give information. Each type has a different shape and colour is the other important function of a sign.

- Red Circles: give orders eg. stop, no entry, speed limits.
- Triangles: warning eg. ROAD WORKS AHEAD.
All triangular signs are red.
- Rectangles: inform eg. parking information.
- Blue circles: give positive instruction eg. turn left, ahead only.



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5. Can you think of any other road signs that help us?

- Help us get to where we need to be.
- Tell us how far away nearby places are.
- Indicate local places of interest.
- Signpost service stations – useful on longer journeys.
- Markings on the road – tell us what lane to be in.

Additional exercise:



Design your own sign. Think about what shape and colour is right for your message.