

Approaching junctions - answers

Why is beneficial to cover left turns before right turns?

Left turns have a lower task demand – they are generally easier and safer because the driver does not cross the path of approaching traffic. When moving on to right turns the approach uses the same MSM skills and so the learner only has to learn the differences between left and right turns.

Suggest three key questions that you could ask a learner who has come to you from different driving school and is doing an ‘approaching left’ lesson for the first time.

Have you done any left or right turns before, if so how did you get on?

Can you tell me what the letters MSMPSL mean?

Is there anything that you want to ask me about before we start?

List the key points that you would cover in an approaching junctions to turn right lesson.

The correct use of the mirrors

The correct timing of signals

use of brakes and gears

Avoidance of coasting and the correct speed/gear on approach

Correct road positioning

Avoiding right-hand corner cuts

Dealing with approaching traffic and other road users

What is the ‘rule’ that you can use when helping a pupil to understand judgement of approaching traffic and when to proceed when turning right?

The ‘walk across’ rule.

If you would have enough time to cross the full width of the road as a pedestrian before an approaching vehicle arrives at the junction, there will normally be enough time to drive across, assuming that the road that you are turning into is clear.