Controls Lesson - answers

Briefly state the instructor's goals for the outcome of this lesson.

To ensure that your learner can enter the vehicle safely, complete the pre-start cockpit drill and that he/she understands the function of the controls and how they are operated.

How might you make the explanation of the handbrake interactive?

Allow the learner to practise releasing and pulling on the handbrake while securing the car with the footbrake.

What must you watch for when the learner gets out of the passenger seat in order to swap seats?

Make sure that the learner makes proper safety checks by looking behind before opening the door. I would say 'Stop' if he tried to open the door without looking – and then explain/ask questions about the dangers.

How could you check if the learner has adjusted the mirrors properly?

Ask him/her to describe what they can see.

True or false: You have to cover all the car's controls, dials and switches during a controls lesson.

False.

If the learner asks a question about the controls of a vehicle that you are not familiar with, what advice can you give?

Ask the pupil to consult the vehicle handbook.