

Route directions answers

Why is it important to give the location of a turning before giving the direction to turn left or right?

If you say 'turn right' (or left) before telling the pupil where to turn they could turn immediately. This could cause them to turn in front of another vehicle or take a wrong turning.

By saying 'at the end of the road I'd like you to...' or 'I'd like you to take the next road on...' (or the second road on...) the pupil knows exactly where the junction is and has time to prepare.

How can you help pupils to locate 'hidden' junctions.

By giving a location marker such as '...it's just after this row of parked cars' or 'it's opposite the post box on the right'.

What is the direction you would give at a crossroad where you want the pupil to take the road directly opposite and why would you give this direction?

"Follow the road ahead please."

If you said 'Go straight on' the pupil might take you literally and keep going without checking that the road was clear - even driving through a red traffic light!

What is the direction that you would give if there was a 'no entry' or other restricted road immediately before the road that you wanted your pupil to take?

"Take the first available road ..." (to the right or left).