

Lesson introductions answers

Why is good rapport important in a driving lesson?

Good rapport will improve the communication process between instructor and learner.

Why is asking questions important at the start of a lesson rather than simply telling the learner what you intend to do?

By asking questions you can find out what the learner knows, whether they have prepared for the lesson what they want to achieve and whether the lesson that you have in mind is still appropriate.

What are the dangers of too much 'chit-chat' in introductions and during lessons?

Chatting can help build rapport but too much chat can leave the learner feeling that they are not getting what they are paying for.

Why is it important to keep the pupil informed about 'what happens next'?

It leaves the learner in no doubt about what they need to do - this can be reassuring, especially for nervous pupils. When the examiner is in the car it demonstrates that the lesson is planned and not simply a series of random events.

Training note: Keeping the pupil informed about what happens next is important after any explanation or when changing the lesson focus - for example, after stopping to discuss a mistake.