

TRC11 School of Driving : FAQs

How fast should I go here?

Fast enough to not hold up others; slow enough to handle what might occur

Why is the speed limit what it is?

Because of the level of risk, based on visibility and number/type of users

How much space should I leave?

Enough to be able to stop safely (so, making good use of brake signals)

Why "handbrake first", once stopped?

To keep the car where you stopped it, if the driver behind hits you

Why should I use mirrors?

To know if someone's close before you change your speed or position

Why "mirrors first", if moving?

To fine-tune HOW you go about what you want to do, to maximise safety

Should I give a signal (brake; turn; horn)?

Yes, if it helps or warns people around you but doesn't confuse them

What are the gears for?

To keep the engine at a comfortably low speed while you go faster

What does the clutch do?

Allows the engine to keep turning if the wheels stop—it's a breakable link

Why change gear?

Because the engine's making too little power, or using too much fuel

Why change gear NOW?

Because, at that moment, there's no steering needed or much risk to you

What if a wasp gets in the car?

Just pull in safely so it (or you) can get out, whether on test or on your own

What if I need the loo during my test?

Just say you need to stop, and why. (We're all human!)

What if the car in front stalls on the junction?

Leave enough space to go around, if it's still safe—even if lights are now red