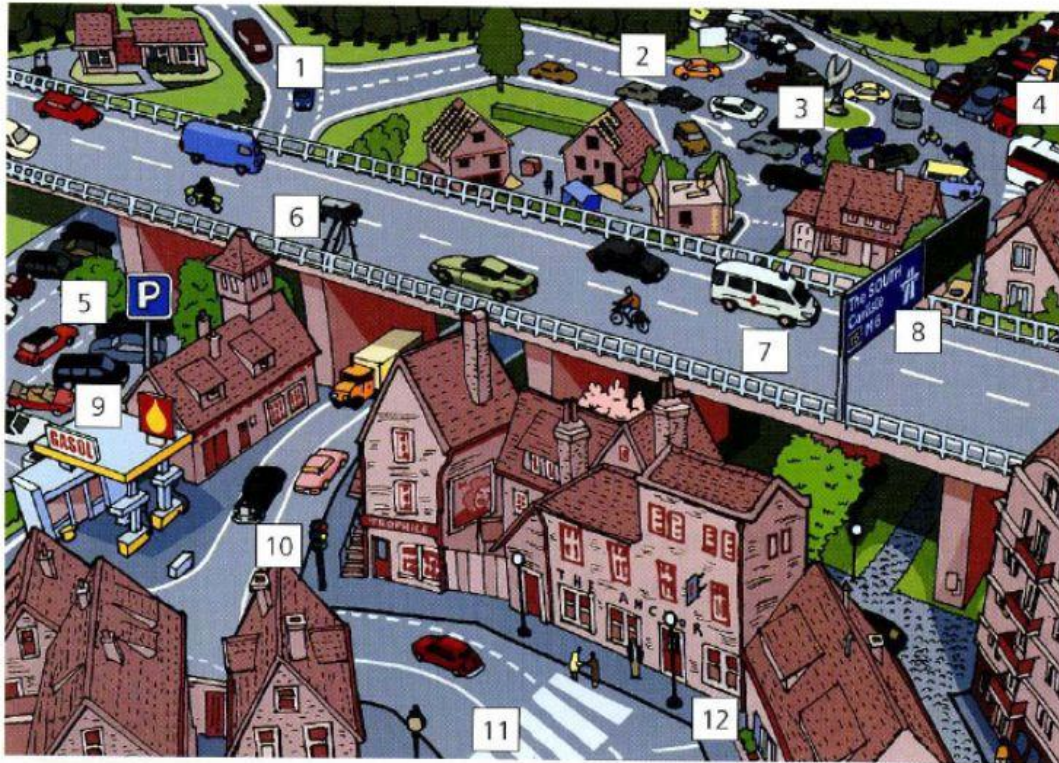


I can talk about roads and traffic

A In town



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| 1 junction | 4 traffic jam | 7 main road | 10 traffic light(s) |
| 2 traffic u | 5 car park | 8 road sign | 11 pedestrian crossing |
| 3 roundabout | 6 speed camera | 9 petrol station | 12 pavement |

1 Circle the correct answer.

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| ► traffic <u>park/light</u> | 3 speed <u>light/camera</u> | 6 car <u>road/park</u> |
| 1 petrol <u>station/jam</u> | 4 road <u>camera/sign</u> | 7 traffic <u>jam/crossing</u> |
| 2 main <u>sign/road</u> | 5 pedestrian <u>crossing/park</u> | |

2 Complete the sentences.

- You can go – the traffic light is green.
- Where's the nearest petrol _____ ?
 - We live on a noisy _____ road.
 - Can you read that road _____ ?
 - The car _____ was full, so we parked on the street.
 - Drivers have to stop at a pedestrian _____.
 - Be careful! There are _____ cameras on the main road.
 - At the _____, do we go left, right or straight on?
 - The _____ is always bad between 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.
 - Walk on the _____, not in the road!
 - Drive slowly and turn left at the next _____.

B Out of town

Beth (B) and Marco (M) are talking.

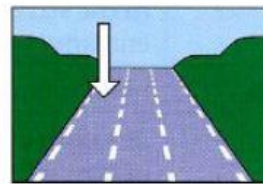
- M **How far is it** from London to Bath?
 B It's about 115 miles. That's 185 kilometres.
 M And what's the best way to get there?
 B Right. **Take** the M4 **motorway** from London. At junction 18, take the A46. It's ten miles from there.
 M Thanks. And what's the **speed limit** on motorways here?
 B 70 **miles an hour**. That's about 110 **kilometres an hour**.
 M OK. And are they very **busy**?
 B Yes, and you get traffic jams in the **rush hour** – especially when there's an **accident**.
 M But you still use the motorway?
 B Yes, because there are three **lanes** on most motorways in Britain, so it's easy to **overtake**. Oh, and Marco – remember to **drive** on the left!

Glossary

How far is it? = How many kilometres or miles is it?
take the M4 go on to and travel on the M4
motorway a large, fast road between towns
speed limit the fastest speed you are permitted to go
busy A busy road has a lot of cars on it. **opp** quiet
rush hour the time when a lot of people are travelling to and from work
accident



lane



overtake pass another car by going faster
drive go somewhere in your car

4 Cover the glossary. Write the words for the meanings.

- The part of the road where cars travel, with white lines. lane
- 1 A large, fast road between two towns. _____
 - 2 The busy time when people go to work. _____
 - 3 Pass another car by driving faster. _____
 - 4 The fastest speed you are permitted to go. _____
 - 5 When something bad happens, e.g. cars crash. _____
 - 6 The opposite of a *busy road*. _____

5 Complete the sentences.

- You can take a country road, but the motorway is quicker.
- 1 It's a very _____ road in the rush hour.
 - 2 Go into the fast _____ when you _____ other cars on the motorway.
 - 3 How _____ is it from Paris to Marseille? ~ It's 740 kms.
 - 4 The best way to get to the airport is to _____ the M25. Oh, remember to _____ on the left!

6 ABOUT YOUR COUNTRY Write your answers or ask another student.

- 1 How many lanes do motorways have? _____
- 2 What's the speed limit on motorways? _____
- 3 Do you have speed cameras on roads? _____
- 4 Do you drive on the left in your country? _____
- 5 When's the rush hour? _____