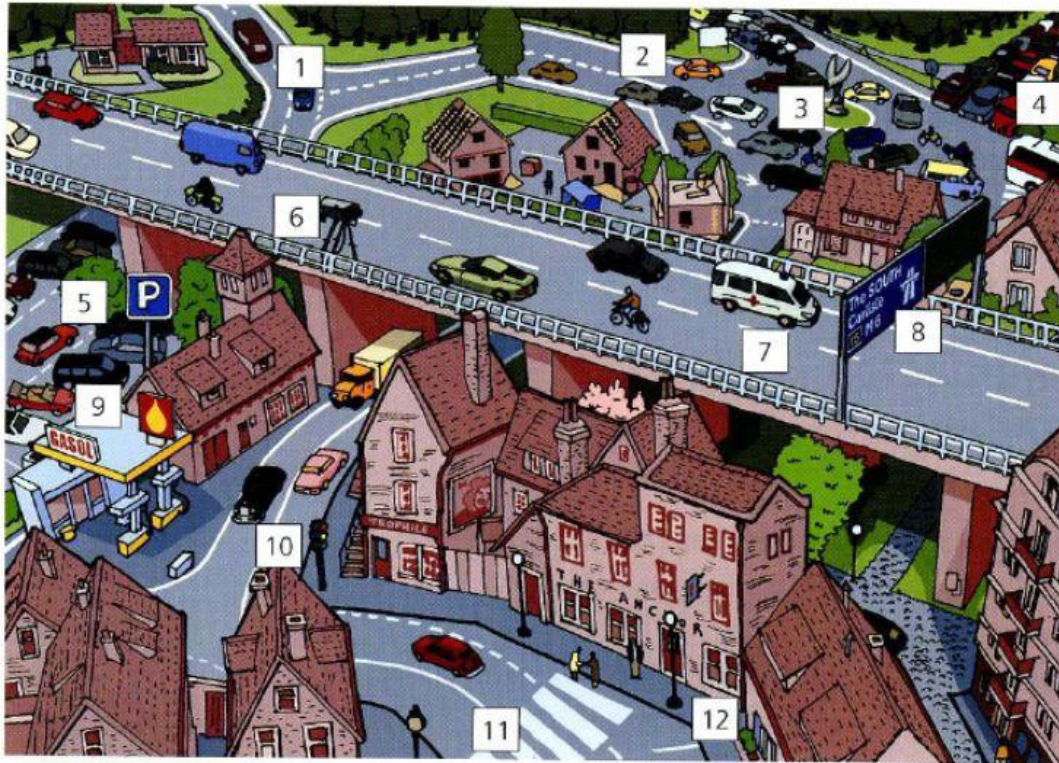


# I can talk about roads and traffic

## 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.

- |                             |                                   |                               |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| ► 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.

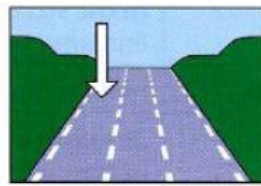
- M **How far is it** from London to Bath?  
 B It's about 115 miles. That's 185 kilometres.  
 M And what's the best way to get there?  
 B Right. **Take** the M4 **motorway** from London. At junction 18, take the A46. It's ten miles from there.  
 M Thanks. And what's the **speed limit** on motorways 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? \_\_\_\_\_