

Lesson B: “Signage”

a. At the end of the lesson you will be able to:

- i. Identify and describe different types of signs
- ii. State safety rules for a construction site

Warm up - Before you read

- 1- What are signs for? What do they tell you?
- 2- Look at the following signs. Why do they have different colors and shapes? What do they represent?



a-



b-



c-



d-



e-



f-

While you read

- 1- Read the text about types of safety signs and match the examples to the signs:

Information on Safety Signs

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Definition

ANSI (American Standards Association) defines a safety sign as a visual device that alerts an observer to potential hazards. The sign must be clear and eye-catching to accomplish this. Standard features include a signal word such as "Danger" and a picture or message displayed on certain specific colors.

Signal Words

A signal word indicates the relative degree of danger. "Caution" indicates a potentially hazardous situation that could result in minor or moderate injury. Potentially hazardous situations that could result in severe injury are indicated by the word "Warning." "Danger" indicates an imminent situation that will result in serious injury or death if not avoided.

Types of safety signs

Warning signs

These signs warn you about a danger. They say things like this: "Warning". "Danger". "Be careful". "There is danger or hazard here". "You might injure yourself".

The signs are yellow and black in color and triangular in shape. Here are some examples:

- Warning. Poison. See picture _____
- Danger. Fire hazard here. See picture _____

Prohibition signs

These signs prohibit an action. They say: "Do not do this". "You must not do this". "Never do this".

The signs are red, white and black in color and round in shape. Here are some examples:

- You must not climb. See picture _____
- You must not use scaffolding incomplete. See picture _____

Mandatory action signs

These signs order you to do something. They say: "Do this". "You must do this". "Always do this".

These signs are blue and white in color, and round in shape. Here are some examples:

- Always use high visibility clothing or vest. See picture _____
- You must use the guard on this circular saw. See picture _____

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Read in detail

1- Read again and complete the chart with information about safety signs:

	Warning signs	Prohibition signs	Mandatory signs
Color			
Shape			
Signal words			

✿ **Work out the rule: Stating safety rules**

1- Look at the following examples from the text:

You **must not** climb.

You **must use** the guard on this circular saw.

We use _____ to state an obligation

We use _____ to state a prohibition

✿ **Applying the rule**

1- Complete the instructions with the words in the box:

always - do - do not - must - must - never

a-



b-



c-



d-



e-



f-



a- _____ use a lighted match in this workshop.

b- _____ wash your hands after using these chemicals.

c- _____ not smoke in this area.

d- You _____ wear safety boots when you lift this.

e- _____ enter this area.

f- You _____ wear safety glasses.

2- State safety rules for the following signs:



a-



b-



c-



d-



e-



f-

a- _____

b- _____

c- _____

d- _____

e- _____

f- _____

3- What would you say in these situations? Use might/could; the imperative form and must/mustn't where possible.



1. _____

2. _____

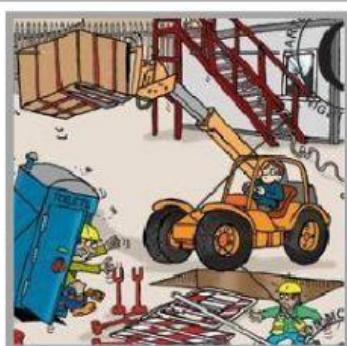
3. _____



1. _____

2. _____

3. _____



1. _____

2. _____

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