

31 Roads

A On the road

- 1 petrol station
- 2 bend n, v
- 3 main road
- 4 crossing
- 5 pavement
- 6 traffic lights
- 7 street light
- 8 roundabout
- 9 road sign
- 10 tram
- 11 tracks



The main road is **straight** coming into the town centre, but **bends** at the petrol station. It then **divides** at the roundabout.

- 1 Is the pronunciation of the underlined sounds the same or different? Write **S** or **D**.
Use the **APP** to help you. Practise saying the words.

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|------------------------------------|----------|-------------------------------|-------|
| ▶ straight / <u>main</u> | <u>S</u> | 4 pavement / <u>straight</u> | |
| 1 <u>div</u> ide / <u>sign</u> | | 5 <u>light</u> / <u>sign</u> | |
| 2 <u>rou</u> ndabout / <u>road</u> | | 6 petrol / <u>bend</u> | |
| 3 <u>sta</u> tion / <u>petrol</u> | | 7 <u>tracks</u> / <u>tram</u> | |

- 2 Circle the correct word.

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|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| ▶ road <u>sign</u> / camera | 2 main <u>sign</u> / road | 4 petrol <u>station</u> / sign |
| 1 traffic <u>station</u> / lights | 3 <u>street</u> / tram tracks | 5 street <u>bend</u> / light |

- 3 Complete the sentences.

- ▶ If a road changes from straight to a curved shape, it bends.
- 1 You fill your car up at a
 - 2 If it's dark at night, there are so that you can see where you're going.
 - 3 If a road is straight, it doesn't have a in it.
 - 4 A is a big road in a town or between towns.
 - 5 Cars drive in a circle at a
 - 6 People should walk on the, not in the road.
 - 7 If a road goes into two parts, it
 - 8 You have to stop at the until they go green.
 - 9 A in the street gives drivers information and instructions.
 - 10 A must go down this street – there are tracks.

- 4 **ABOUT YOU** From your home, which of these can you see? Tick the boxes, or ask another student.

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|---|---|--|---|
| a road sign ☐ | traffic lights ☐ | a straight road ☐ | a bend in a road ☐ |
| a road which divides ☐ | street lights ☐ | a roundabout ☐ | a main road ☐ |
| tram or train tracks ☐ | a petrol station ☐ | a pavement ☐ | a crossing ☐ |



B A road accident

Here is the latest travel news ...

There has been a **serious** accident on the A31 outside Winchester. It **occurred** just after 7.00 a.m., when a **sports car**¹ skidded on the wet road **surface** in the slow **lane**, and hit a **cyclist**² with great **force**.

Emergency services are at the **scene** of the accident, and an **ambulance**³ has taken the injured cyclist to hospital. He is thought to be in a **serious condition**. The road is still **blocked**, and drivers are being advised to **avoid** the area.



GLOSSARY

serious	very bad: a serious accident/injury
occur formal	happen, especially in a way that has not been planned
skid	suddenly move forwards or sideways without any control
surface	the top layer of sth
lane	one part of a wide road: the fast/slow lane
force	the physical strength shown by one thing hitting another
emergency services	the police, ambulance, and/or fire service
scene	the place where sth happened, e.g. an accident or a crime
condition	the state that sb/sth is in: be in a serious condition; a road in very bad condition
block	make it difficult for anything to pass a road, etc.
avoid	stay away from sb/sth

5 Find the missing letter and write the correct word.

▶ conditon condition

1 ambulance _____

2 sene _____

3 serius _____

4 emegency _____

5 ocur _____

6 bloc _____

7 avid _____

8 sport car _____

9 forc _____

6 Replace the underlined words with other words or phrases that have the same meaning.

▶ Was it a bad accident?

serious

1 The top of the road was very icy.

2 You should stay away from the area: it's very busy.

3 When did the police arrive at the place where the accident occurred?

4 The car went sideways out of control on the icy road.

5 The police and an ambulance arrived within minutes.

6 The accident happened late last night.

7 The accident made it difficult for cars to pass on the road.

8 The physical state of the road through the mountains is terrible.

7 Complete the sentences.

▶ There was oil on the surface of the road, which made the driver skid.

1 We couldn't get through to the village because a tree had fallen and _____ the road.

2 The _____ of the waves pushed me over.

3 My brother had a _____ injury from an accident on his motorbike.

4 You should move into the fast _____ to pass a slower car on a motorway.

5 Some people have been injured. Please call for an _____.

6 Rinka has an expensive bike, and I believe she's a very good _____.

7 Someone came past me in a little low _____ car.

8 I think the driver must have _____ on the wet road.



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