

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.

- straight / main **S**
- 1 divide / sign _____
- 2 roundabout / road _____
- 3 station / petrol _____

- 4 pavement / straight _____
- 5 light / sign _____
- 6 petrol / bend _____
- 7 tracks / tram _____

2 Circle the correct word.

- road sign / camera
- 1 traffic station / lights
- 2 main sign / road
- 3 street / tram tracks
- 4 petrol station / sign
- 5 street bend / 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.

a road sign <input type="checkbox"/>	traffic lights <input type="checkbox"/>	a straight road <input type="checkbox"/>	a bend in a road <input type="checkbox"/>
a road which divides <input type="checkbox"/>	street lights <input type="checkbox"/>	a roundabout <input type="checkbox"/>	a main road <input type="checkbox"/>
tram or train tracks <input type="checkbox"/>	a petrol station <input type="checkbox"/>	a pavement <input type="checkbox"/>	a crossing <input type="checkbox"/>



TEST YOURSELF

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.



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GLOSSARY

serious	very bad: <i>a serious accident/injury</i>
occur <i>formal</i>	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: <i>the fast/slow lane</i>
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: <i>be in a serious condition; a road in very bad condition</i>
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.

