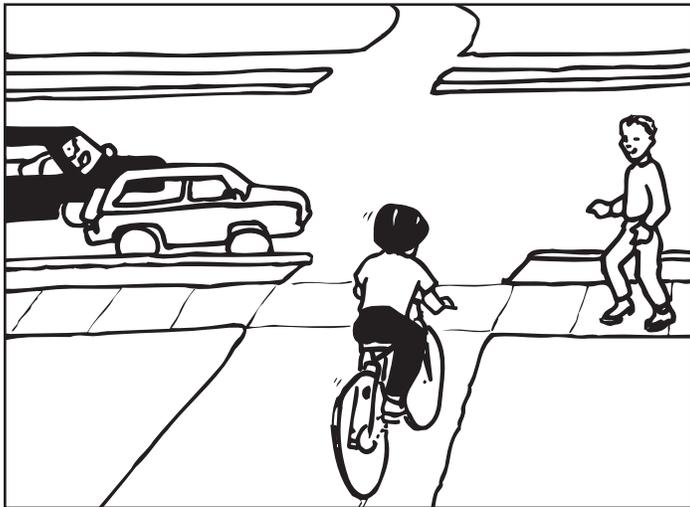


HOW WELL DO YOU DRIVE YOUR BIKE?

Do you really think you know how to drive a bike well? Test yourself to see if you do. This test shows 10 traffic situations and asks how you would handle them. Try it and see how well you do. Circle the most correct answer.

1.

You are driving your bicycle down the driveway and you want to enter the roadway. There is a man walking on the sidewalk near the drive. There is a parked car near the driveway and a car coming down the street. What would you do to enter the roadway?



- A) Drive slowly into the roadway.
- B) Stop at the parked car. Wait until the oncoming car passes and then go.
- C) Stop before the sidewalk, yield to the pedestrian and oncoming traffic, and then go.
- D) Drive on the sidewalk until it is safe to enter the roadway.

2.

You're driving your bicycle on a main street where traffic is light. You are in the right lane in the middle of the block. At the next corner you plan to make a left turn. There is a car some distance behind you and another car is approaching the intersection from the opposite direction. What steps would you take to make this turn correctly?

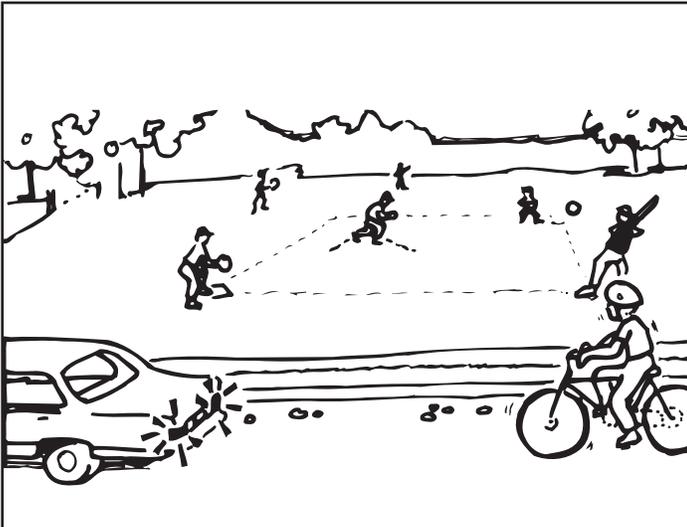
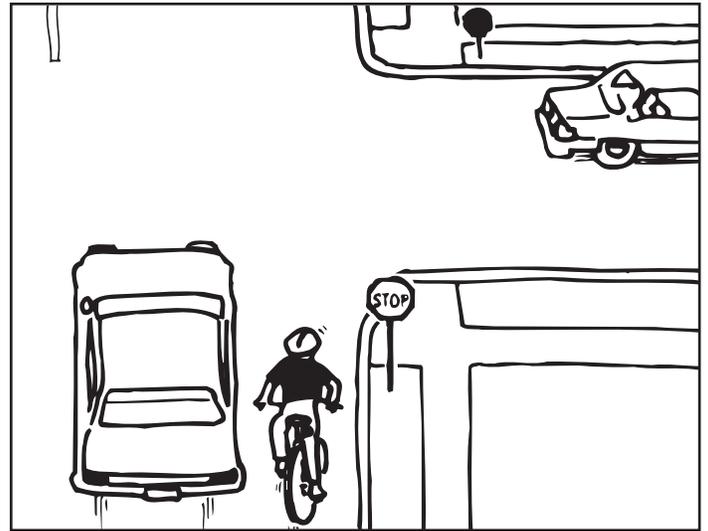


- A) Check traffic behind you, and if clear, give a left turn signal and then move into the left lane.
- B) Give another left turn signal as you near the intersection.
- C) Yield to oncoming traffic and pedestrians and then make your turn.
- D) All of the above.

3.

As you are driving your bicycle, you come to an intersection that has a stop sign on all four corners. A car that is travelling in the same direction as you, begins to pull away from the stop sign after making a complete stop. At the same time, you see a car approaching the intersection from your right. You should:

- A) Catch up to the car ahead of you and slide through the stop sign next to the car.
- B) Slow down enough to see if it is safe and keep going.
- C) Come to a complete stop at the sign and wait your turn before entering the intersection.
- D) Stop only if the car coming from your right doesn't stop.



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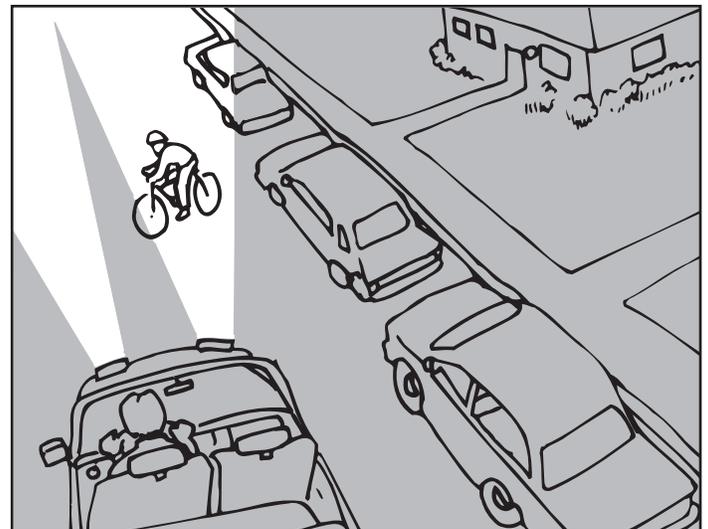
You are driving past a playground and are watching some of your friends playing baseball. Suddenly, you look ahead and there is a stopped car in front of you. Why did you get into this situation?

- A) You weren't alert and didn't give your full attention to driving your bike.
- B) You didn't drive anticipating any sudden danger that other traffic can present.
- C) You paid too much attention to your friends on the playground.
- D) All of the above.

5.

You are the car driver. You are driving along in your car after dark. You think you see something among the parked cars ahead of you. Suddenly a bicycle appears in your headlights. What would have made the bicycle and bicyclist easier to see?

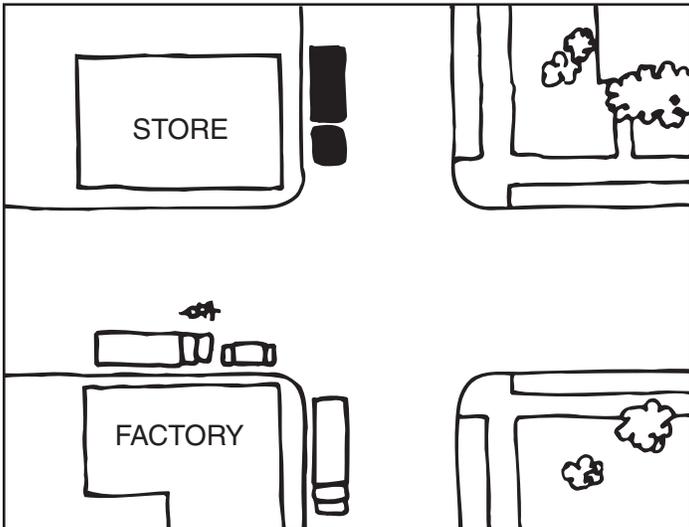
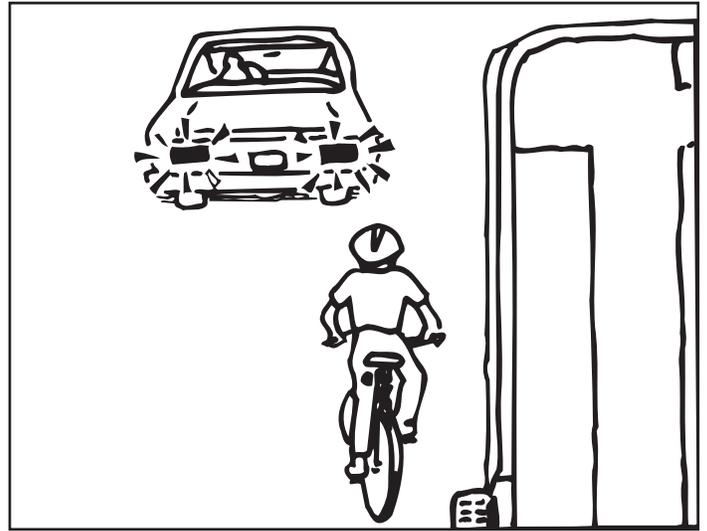
- A) Reflectors.
- B) Lights.
- C) Light colored clothing.
- D) Reflective material on the bicycle and driver's clothing.
- E) All of the above.



6.

You are driving down a street and notice the car ahead of you is slowing down in the right lane. You should:

- A) Slow down.
- B) Speed up and pass the slowing car on the right.
- C) Come to a stop in the roadway.
- D) Stay behind the car until you know what the driver plans to do. He may be stopping, parking or turning right.



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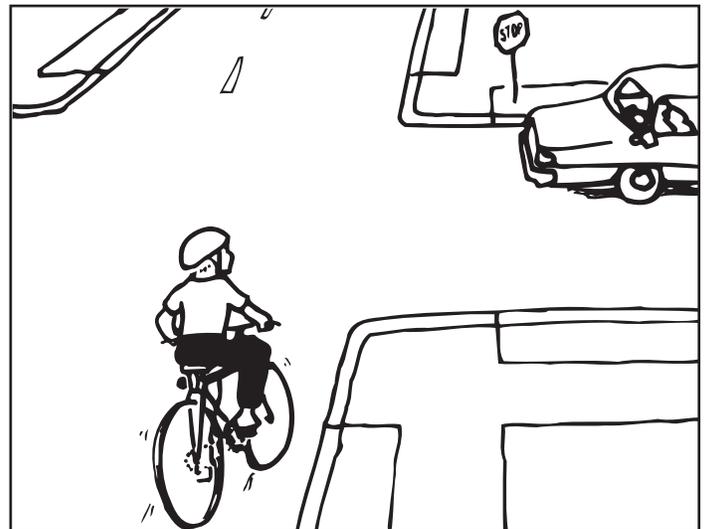
You are driving your bike down a street. You are approaching an intersection which has no traffic controls such as a traffic light, stop sign, or yield sign. There are buildings on the corners and cars and trucks parked right up to the corner. What would you do to drive through the intersection safely?

- A) Slow down while driving through.
- B) Stop completely and look around the parked vehicles to see if it's safe, before continuing.
- C) Drive through without looking.
- D) Listen for oncoming traffic and drive through.

8.

You're driving your bike down a main street, and as you reach the intersection, you see that there is a car stopped for the stop sign off to your right. There are no stop signs on the street that you're driving on. How should you drive through this intersection?

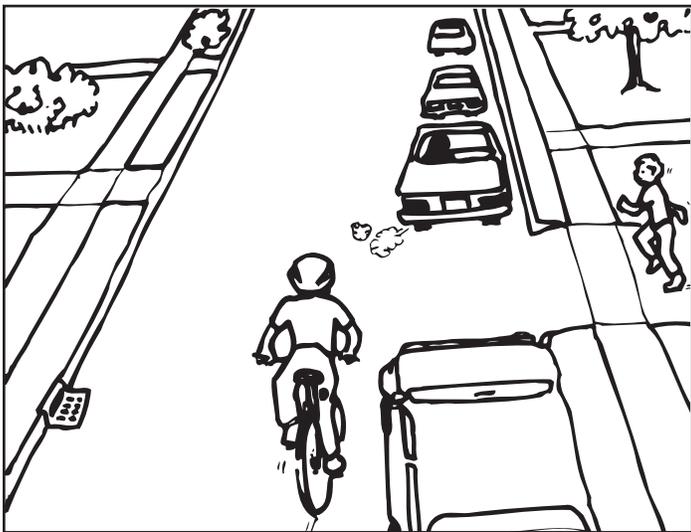
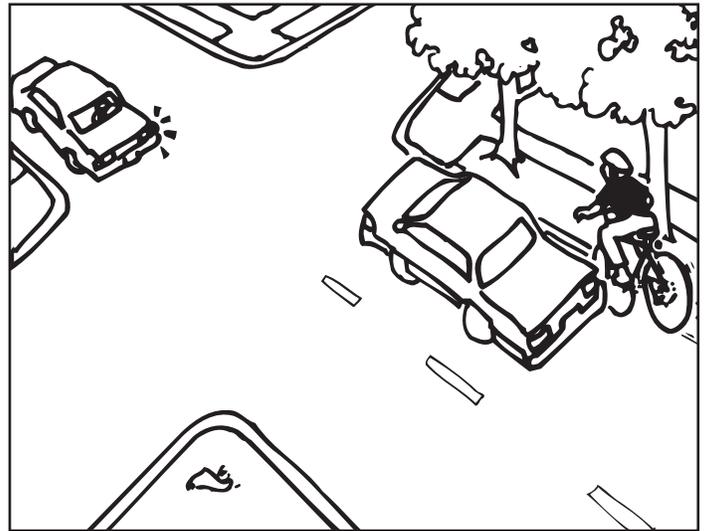
- A) Keep on going because you know the car will stay stopped.
- B) Be prepared to stop in case the driver does not yield to you.
- C) Come to a stop until you know what the driver is going to do.
- D) Drive right through because you have the right of way.



9.

You are driving your bike on a busy street that is lined with big shade trees. You are in the right lane and there is a car going in the same direction on your left. As you near the intersection you notice one of the cars coming toward you has its left turn signal flashing. What would you do to drive through this intersection safely?

- A) Keep going because the left turning car should yield to you.
- B) Speed up so you get through the intersection before the car does.
- C) Keep driving because drivers always stop for bicycles.
- D) Be prepared to stop or yield in case the driver does not.



10.

You are driving your bike down a street lined with parked cars. Ahead of you, you notice a boy running down a drive and across the sidewalk. You also see a parked car with a person in it. What could happen that you may have to react to?

- A) The boy might run into the street in front of you.
- B) The parked car with the person in it might pull out.
- C) The person in the parked car might open the car door in front of you.
- D) All of the above.

CONCLUSION: You have just taken a bicycle driver's test on paper. Any incorrect answers you may have had didn't physically hurt you. However, if you had made the same mistakes on the street, you could have been seriously injured or killed. If you did your learning here on paper, you'll be safer when you're out there on the road.

ANSWERS: (1) You must always stop before the sidewalk when entering the street, so C is the correct answer. If there is no sidewalk, you must stop before entering the road. (2) To make a left turn properly, you must complete steps A, B, and C in that order, so D is the correct answer. However, at a busy intersection, it is best to walk your bike across the street. (3) A stop sign always means STOP whether you're driving a bike or a car. C is the correct answer. (4) Staying alert, anticipating sudden dangers and giving your full attention to driving can prevent accidents from happening. Answer D is correct. (5) All of the above, Answer E, is correct. In addition to this, your bike should have good working brakes, and be licensed. (6) The most correct answer is D, stay behind the car. (7) Stop before entering the intersection, Answer B, is the safest thing to do. (8) Carefully drive through but be prepared to stop, Answer B is correct. (9) Being prepared to stop, Answer D, would be correct. The driver may not see you because of your narrow size or because you could be hidden by tree shadows or faster moving cars. It is also difficult for a driver to judge your speed and distance. Also, the driver may not know he has to yield to bicyclists. (10) All of these things might happen to you. Answer D is correct. Review the situations in A, B, and C and decide what you would do in each of them.

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