

Spot the Signs!

Which road sign will be most common on your journey?

Look for road signs during your journey and record them on the chart below - you can do this in the car, on the bus, or even while walking!

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What the signs mean - SHAPES

Road signs use the language of shape and colour!

SHAPES - most road signs are either: triangles = warnings; circles = orders (do or don't); or squares / rectangles = information.



Warning: roundabout ahead



Order: at the mini roundabout give way to traffic coming from the right



Warning: traffic on the main road has priority



Order: national speed limit applies



Warning: road works ahead



Order: no entry for motor vehicles



Order: no waiting - stop to pick up / drop off passengers or to load vehicle only



Warning: crossroads ahead



Order: no stopping



Order: no motor vehicles



Information: no through road / dead end ahead



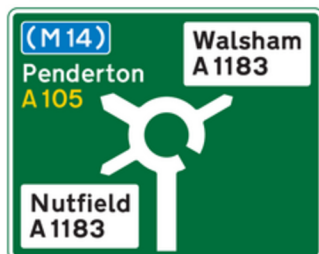
Order: maximum speed 40 miles per hour



What the signs mean - COLOURS

Road signs use the language of shape and colour!

COLOURS - rectangles are mainly used for direction signs, and use different colour backgrounds for different routes and destinations.



The three most common background colours for direction signs

White background: local / non-primary route information and destinations

Green background: primary route information and destinations

Blue background: motorway route information and destinations

Other background colours include: brown, black, yellow and red

Other colours on different shaped signs

Triangles: all have red edges, and all point up **EXCEPT** GIVE WAY which points down

Red octagon: a unique sign for **STOP**, which is sometimes used instead of GIVE WAY

Blue circles: give instructions eg. turn left ahead, or user restrictions eg. trams only

Circles - red edges: do not .. eg. no U-turn, or exclusions eg. no lorries over weight 7.5t

Blue rectangles: give information eg. dual carriageway ahead

White rectangles: added to other signs to give additional information

