

When to Use Headlights?

Worksheet

Use headlights during darkness (dusk to dawn), fog, heavy rain, and whenever visibility drops below safe levels. Many roads require lights even during daytime in poor conditions. Failure to use lights is a traffic violation.

Questions

1. What is the primary legal reason to use headlights at night?
A) To help you see the road
B) To help other drivers see your vehicle
C) Both — for mutual visibility
D) Only required on motorways
2. Heavy fog at midday (12:00). Visibility ~40m. Should you use headlights?
A) No — it's daytime
B) Yes — use dipped lights + fog lights
C) Only if other cars are ahead
D) Only on motorways
3. You're on a well-lit city street at 19:00 (evening). Lights required?
A) No — street lights illuminate the road
B) Yes — dusk-to-dawn headlights are required
C) Only if traffic is heavy
D) Only outside the city
4. What is the danger of using full-beam headlights on a road with oncoming traffic?
A) It blinds oncoming drivers → collision risk
B) It wastes fuel
C) It damages your battery
D) It's only a minor annoyance
5. It's 18:30 in winter; sun has already set. You're driving in a city. What lights should be on?
6. Daytime, driving through a thick fog. Visibility is ~30m. Headlight status?
7. Driving on a motorway at 14:00 on a sunny afternoon. Do you need lights?
8. Define: When must headlights be on?
9. Define: Dipped vs. full headlights?
10. Define: Fog lights — when to use?

Answer Key

1. C) Both — for mutual visibility — Headlights serve dual purpose: you see the road AND others see your car. Both are essential for crash prevention.
2. B) Yes — use dipped lights + fog lights — Fog reduces visibility dangerously regardless of time. Dipped headlights + fog lights are legally required.
3. B) Yes — dusk-to-dawn headlights are required — Street lights don't satisfy legal headlight requirements. Dusk-to-dawn headlights are mandatory for vehicle visibility.
4. A) It blinds oncoming drivers → collision risk — Full beam (high beam) blinds approaching drivers, causing dangerous temporary vision loss and collision risk.
5. 1. Sun is below horizon — it's technically dusk 2. Check legal requirement — dusk-to-dawn is standard 3. Turn on dipped headlights (low beam) 4. Leave them on until sunrise tomorrow 5. Failure to use lights = traffic fine
6. 1. Visibility is dangerously low — fog obscures road 2. Even though it's daytime, lights are needed 3. Turn on dipped headlights + fog lights (if equipped) 4. Reduce speed for safety 5. This is legally required in most regions
7. 1. Daytime, good visibility — lights not required for seeing road 2. BUT: many countries mandate lights on motorways 24/7 3. Check your local traffic code 4. When in doubt, use dipped headlights for visibility 5. Daytime running lights (DRLs) are now standard on new cars
8. During darkness (dusk to dawn), fog, rain, snow, and whenever visibility is poor — specific rules vary by region.
9. Dipped (low beam) for normal use and oncoming traffic. Full beam (high beam) only for empty, dark roads.
10. In fog, heavy rain, or snow. Turn off in normal weather — they can blind other drivers.

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