

What are Right of Way Rules at Intersections?

Worksheet

Right of way rules establish priority at intersections: green light means go, red light means stop, yield signs mean give way, and equal-status intersections follow right-hand priority (vehicle on right has priority).

Questions

1. At an intersection with a traffic light, who has the right of way?
A) Vehicle on the right always
B) Vehicle with the green light
C) Older vehicle
D) Largest vehicle
2. You see a yield sign. This means:
A) You have priority
B) You must give way to other traffic
C) Speed up quickly
D) The road is clear
3. At an uncontrolled 4-way intersection, if all vehicles arrive at the same time:
A) Everyone stops forever
B) Vehicle on the right has priority
C) Pedestrians always go first
D) Everyone goes at once
4. A yellow traffic light means:
A) Go as fast as possible
B) Proceed with caution; red is next
C) You have right of way
D) Stop immediately
5. You approach a traffic light showing red and a car to your left approaches on green. What is your right of way status?
6. Two vehicles arrive at an uncontrolled intersection at the same time. One is on your right, one on your left. Who has priority?
7. You see a yield sign at an intersection. What must you do?
8. Define: What does a green traffic light mean for right of way?
9. Define: What does a red traffic light mean?
10. Define: What does a yield sign mean?

Answer Key

1. B) Vehicle with the green light — The vehicle with a green light has the right of way and must cross first.
2. B) You must give way to other traffic — A yield sign means you do not have automatic right of way — you must slow down and let other traffic pass.
3. B) Vehicle on the right has priority — The right-hand rule applies: the vehicle on your right has priority.
4. B) Proceed with caution; red is next — Yellow signals that the light is about to turn red — prepare to stop unless it is unsafe to do so.
5. A red light means STOP — you do not have right of way. The car on green has the right of way and must cross first. You must yield and let that car pass before proceeding.
6. At an uncontrolled intersection, use the right-hand rule. The vehicle on your RIGHT has priority. You must yield to that vehicle and let it pass first.
7. A yield sign means you do NOT have automatic right of way. You must slow down and check for other traffic. Only proceed when it is safe and other traffic has passed.
8. Green light means you have the right of way — proceed when it is safe to do so.
9. Red light means you must STOP — you do not have right of way; wait until the light changes.
10. Yield sign means you do not have automatic right of way — slow down and let other traffic pass first.

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