

What Do Traffic Light Colors Mean?

Worksheet

Traffic light colors are: red (stop), yellow/amber (prepare to stop), and green (proceed). Sequences vary by intersection; always watch for turning traffic and oncoming vehicles.

Questions

1. A red light is showing, but the intersection looks empty. Do you proceed?
A) Yes, if it's clear
B) No, red is absolute
C) Only for emergencies
D) Yes, if you use hazards
2. Yellow light at a distance. You're traveling 40 km/h. Can you cross safely?
A) Yes, yellow means go
B) Assess if you can stop safely within distance
C) Speed up to cross before red
D) Use hazard lights
3. Green light, but a car is turning across your path. Proceed or wait?
A) Proceed; you have green light
B) Yield to the turning car
C) Speed up to clear
D) Honk and cross
4. You enter an intersection on green. The light turns red while you're in it. Is this legal?
A) No, you must exit immediately
B) Yes, if you entered legally on green
C) No, red is absolute
D) Only if you accelerate
5. A red light is showing, but there are no vehicles approaching. Can you proceed?
6. The light turns yellow as you approach the intersection. What should you do?
7. Green light is showing, but a car is turning across your path. What happens?
8. Define: What does a red traffic light mean?
9. Define: What does yellow mean?
10. Define: What does green mean?

Answer Key

1. B) No, red is absolute — Red light is absolute. You must stop and wait, even if no traffic is visible.
2. B) Assess if you can stop safely within distance — Yellow means 'prepare to stop'. Judge your distance and speed; stop if safe to do so.
3. B) Yield to the turning car — Even with green, you must yield to traffic with right of way. Check and proceed only when safe.
4. B) Yes, if you entered legally on green — If you entered legally on green, it's legal to be in the intersection when it turns red. Clear it promptly.
5. No, you must not cross even if no traffic is coming. Red light is absolute: stop and wait. Result: You must stop and wait for green.
6. Assess your distance and speed: can you stop safely before the line? If yes, stop. If no, and you're too close, proceed cautiously. Result: Yellow means 'prepare to stop', not 'speed up'.
7. Even with green, you must yield to turning traffic if it has the right of way. Always check for cross-traffic before entering. Result: Proceed only when the intersection is clear.
8. Stop immediately. Do not proceed. Wait for green.
9. Prepare to stop. If you can stop safely, do so. If too close, proceed cautiously.
10. You may proceed if the intersection is clear and safe, even if the light is green.

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