

What are Warning Traffic Signs?

Worksheet

Warning traffic signs are red and white diamonds that alert drivers to hazards like pedestrian crossings, sharp curves, slippery roads, or schools. They advise caution but do not command—drivers must exercise judgment and adjust accordingly.

Questions

1. What shape is a typical warning traffic sign?
 - A) Blue circle
 - B) Red and white diamond
 - C) Green rectangle
 - D) Yellow triangle
2. What is the main purpose of a warning sign?
 - A) Command a specific action
 - B) Alert drivers to hazards ahead
 - C) Prohibit an action
 - D) Show distance to a location
3. A warning sign appears. What are you NOT required to do?
 - A) Use judgment
 - B) Adjust speed
 - C) Stop immediately
 - D) Remain alert
4. Can you ignore a warning sign?
 - A) Yes; they're just suggestions
 - B) No; they alert you to real dangers
 - C) Only if traffic is light
 - D) Only during day time
5. You see a red and white diamond sign with a pedestrian symbol approaching an urban school. What does this warning sign indicate?
6. A red and white diamond with skid marks appears on a wet day. What hazard is this warning?
7. You encounter a diamond sign showing a sharp curve bending left. What must you do?
8. Define: What shape and color are warning traffic signs?
9. Define: What do warning signs do?
10. Define: Must you obey a warning sign?

Answer Key

1. B) Red and white diamond — Warning signs are red and white diamonds (or similar shapes).
2. B) Alert drivers to hazards ahead — Warning signs alert drivers to potential hazards and road conditions.
3. C) Stop immediately — Warning signs advise caution; they don't command you to stop.
4. B) No; they alert you to real dangers — While not as strict as commands, ignoring warnings can lead to accidents.
5. This is a 'pedestrian crossing' or 'school zone' warning sign. It alerts you to the presence of children and pedestrians in the area. You must reduce speed and stay alert for people crossing the road.
6. This is a 'slippery road' warning sign. It indicates the road surface is wet, icy, or loose (gravel). Reduce speed and increase following distance to avoid skids.
7. This is a 'sharp curve ahead' warning sign. It warns of a steep turn that may reduce traction or visibility. Slow down before the curve and stay alert.
8. Red and white diamonds (or sometimes other shapes like triangles).
9. Alert drivers to hazards and road conditions; they advise caution but don't command.
10. You must use judgment and adjust your driving; it's not a command but a heads-up.

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