



Road Signs for Drivers

The meaning of a stop sign is very clear. It directs drivers to stop. The **yield** sign, however, may be a bit confusing at first. This red and white sign warns drivers that traffic from two different roadways is about to join together. Drivers who see the yield sign should slow down and be prepared to stop if necessary to let traffic from the other roadway have the **right of way**. A **merge** sign is a yellow warning sign that indicates that traffic from another roadway is about to join the main roadway.

Definitions

merge (*verb*) – to combine into one lane of traffic

right of way (*noun*) – the right to proceed before other traffic

yield (*verb*) – to slow down or stop to give other traffic the right of way

DIRECTIONS: Look at the pictures of the Yield and Merge signs. Then read the sentences and write **True** or **False** on the lines.



1. You should always come to a complete stop when you see a yield sign.

2. The merge sign is shaped like a diamond. _____
3. The merge sign warns drivers that traffic is about to combine. _____
4. The yield sign tells drivers to give the right of way to drivers in the other lanes of traffic. _____



More Road Signs for Drivers

To give drivers more information about the roads they are driving on, descriptive signs with symbols or words are used. One of these signs is a **dead end** sign, which means that the road ends and does not go through. It is important for drivers to know that they won't be able to exit the street without turning their vehicles around. Knowing this can save drivers time. Another sign warns drivers that they are approaching an **intersection**. This yellow warning sign has a black cross on it and alerts drivers to be cautious and look for traffic from all directions. Another yellow warning sign tells drivers that the road ahead has a **median**. A median is a barrier made of grass or concrete that divides the road into two-way traffic. Vehicles are not allowed to cross a median.

Definitions

dead end (*noun*) – a road that ends and only has one way in or out

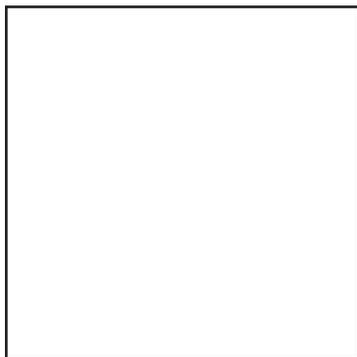
median (*noun*) – a concrete or grassy area that divides different sections of the roadway

intersection (*noun*) – a place where two or more roads meet

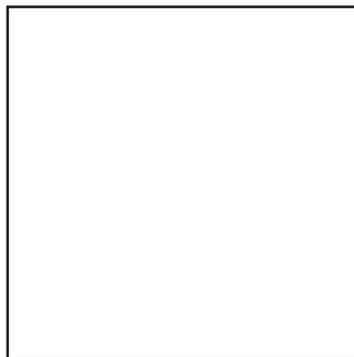


DIRECTIONS: Look at the pictures of the signs above. Then draw a picture of what each sign represents.

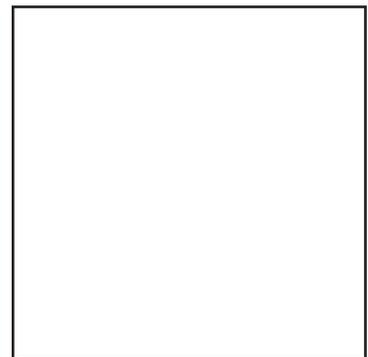
1. Dead End



2. Intersection



3. Median





Road Signs for Pedestrians

Not all road signs are made for drivers. Some are made for **pedestrians**. There are signs that direct walkers to where they should cross the street. These signs also warn motorists to be careful and watch for pedestrians. Pedestrians have the right of way, but both drivers and walkers need to watch out for each other. Other signs for pedestrians serve as warnings about activities that are not permitted in the area. One such sign is the No Loitering sign, which means that pedestrians should not stand around, or **loiter**. Another sign is the No Soliciting sign, which warns pedestrians that it is against the law to **solicit**. A No Trespassing sign means that to **trespass** or enter the area where the sign is posted without permission is against the law. Motorists and pedestrians need to obey the road signs to stay safe, as well as to obey the law.

Definitions

loiter (*verb*) – to stand in an area for no obvious purpose

pedestrian (*noun*) – a person walking

solicit (*verb*) – to approach people with the intent of selling something to them

trespass (*verb*) – to enter a property without permission



DIRECTIONS: Look at the pictures of the signs above. Then answer the following questions about the vocabulary words.

1. If pedestrians have the right of way, why do they need to cross the street only at a crosswalk? _____

2. Why would a business not want people to loiter around its building? _____

3. Do you think that soliciting should be legal in all areas? Why or why not? _____

4. Do you think that a No Trespassing sign helps protect property? Why or why not? _____