



Road Sign Curriculum

Objective:

To enhance the knowledge teen drivers have of driving sign identification. Youth will be able to identify sample road signs on the Skill-a-thon activity chart.

Materials:

- Road Sign Display Board
- Sign Identification Names
- Answer Key
- Road Sign Handout(s)

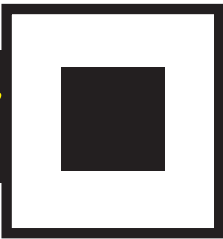
Description of Activity:

Disperse the Sign Identification labels to the group of learners. Give them the opportunity to correctly identify the signs on the display board by affixing them to the velcro tabs nearest the appropriate sign. Review answers with the group and distribute related sign educational pamphlets or materials.

Signs:

Merge
Turn
Railroad Crossing Ahead
Workers
Pedestrian Crossing
Slippery When Wet
Curve
Divided Highway Begins
Y Intersection
Side Road
Cross Road
Winding Road
Signal Ahead
Angled Side Road
Divided Highway Ends
Low Shoulder
Two Way Traffic
T Intersection
Stop Ahead
Flagger





Road Sign Answer Sheet



Winding Road



Turn



Divided Highway Begins



Railroad Crossing Ahead



Pedestrian Crossing



Signal Ahead



Slippery When Wet



Merge



Divided Highway Ends



Y Intersection





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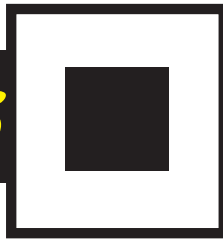


Flagger



Workers





Additional Activity

Story:

As family members on both sides of the courtroom wept, three friends were sentenced to 15 years in prison for pulling up a stop sign for kicks and causing the deaths of three teens who drove into the path of an 8-ton truck.

"I understand your parents love you as much as these parents loved their children. There are no winners in this case," Circuit Judge Bob Mitcham on Friday told the young woman and two young men who were convicted last month of manslaughter.

Three 18-year-old buddies who were driving around listening to music after a night of bowling were killed when their car breezed through the intersection and was broadsided. The stop sign was found lying on the roadside near the accident.

Though a pre-sentence recommendation called for up to 50 years in prison, the judge, who is known for his harsh sentences, decided to give the defendants far less.

"I don't believe for one minute that you or the other two defendants pulled these signs up with the intent of causing the death of anyone," he told 20-year-old Christopher Cole.

He then sentenced Cole to 30 years, suspending half, and did the same for Nissa Baillie, 21, and Thomas Miller, 20. The three could be eligible for parole after 13 years.

Activity:

Read the story to your audience and have them discuss the issues. Should they be charged with a crime? Do they deserve punishment? If so, what kind of punishment? If you think they should not be punished, what should be done with them instead? Consider the ages of those involved, their intentions and the consequences of their actions. Have your students decide how severe the punishment should be. Remember also that punishments are intended to deter other people from making the same mistake.

Teacher's Note:

This is the kind of lesson I enjoy teaching because it requires students to think about what they read. In other words, this is not a mechanical "read the story and answer the questions" lesson. What's more, assuming I have chosen my example stories correctly, the students will want to think about the topics covered — and they will want to voice their opinions as well.

Another nice thing about this lesson is that it conforms to a very sound principle in the teaching of reading: the more students think about a text, the better they should understand and remember it.

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Road Sign Safety Facts

Purpose of Traffic Signs

Traffic signs are devices placed along, beside, or above a highway, roadway, pathway, or other route to guide, warn, and regulate the flow of traffic, including motor vehicles, bicycles, pedestrians, equestrians, and other travelers.

Signs should only be placed where warranted by facts and engineering studies.

Signs should be placed as necessary for safety and proper regulation of traffic. However, the use of too many signs in a given location may reduce the effectiveness of all the signs at that location.

Traffic Signs convey information to travelers through their shape, color, message, and placement.

Standard Sign Shape and Usage

Octagon:

Exclusively for Stop signs

Equilateral Triangle, Point Down:

Exclusively for Yield signs

Circle:

Exclusively for Railroad Advance Warning and Civil Defense Evacuation Route marker

Pennant:

Exclusively for No Passing Zone signs

Diamond:

Used for warning signs

Rectangle, Longer Dimension Vertical:

Used for regulatory signs

Rectangle, Longer Dimension Horizontal:

Used for guide signs

Trapezoid:

Used for recreational area guide signs

Pentagon:

Used for school advance warning signs

Crossbuck:

Used for railroad crossing signs

Other shapes:

Used for route marker signs

Standard Sign Color and Their Meanings

Red:

Exclusively for Stop and Yield signs, multiway supplemental plates, Do Not Enter and Wrong Way signs, for legend or symbols on certain regulatory signs, and as part of Interstate and certain State route markers.

Black:

Used as background for One Way, night speed limit, and inspection stations signs, and as message color on signs with white, yellow, or orange backgrounds.

White:

Used as background for route markers, guide signs, and certain regulatory signs, and as message color on signs with brown, green, blue, black, and red backgrounds.

Orange:

Used as background color for construction and maintenance signs

Yellow :

Used as background color for warning signs (except construction and maintenance signs) and school signs.

Brown:

Used as background color for guide and information signs related to points of recreational or cultural interest.

Green:

Used as background color for guide signs and mile posts, and as a message color on permissive regulation and parking signs

Blue:

Used as background color for traveler services information signs, and the Civil Defense Evacuation Route Marker.

Fluorescent Yellow-Green:

Now approved for pedestrian, bicycle, and school crossing warning signs.

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