

LESSON 27

Road Rules

(i) Check on speed

- Co-passenger : Ravi be careful. The traffic police is tracking down speeding cars with the help of cameras and other devices.
- Ravi : I am safe. I don't cross the speed limit of 50 kilometers per hour.
- Co-passenger : The other day Mr. Singh was fined ₹ 500 for overtaking from the left.
- Ravi : I'll also make sure I don't jump the traffic light when it's red. This is another big offence.

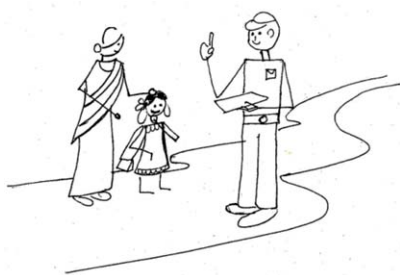
Word

1. device
2. kmph
3. overtaking

Meaning

- a small machine
- kilometres per hour
- moving ahead of

(ii) Advice on traffic rules



- Police officer : Here are some traffic rules that must be followed for your own safety. How do you come to school?
- Student : I walk to school.
- Police officer : For pedestrians we have footpaths or sidewalks.
- Student : If there is no footpath?
- Police officer : Then you should walk on the left edge of the road. Cyclists follow the same rule.
- Student : What should be kept in mind when we cross a road?
- Police officer : There are three things that should be kept in mind. Firstly, use only a zebra crossing or pedestrian crossing to cross the road. Secondly,

look to your right, look to your left and then look to your right again, before crossing. Lastly cross only when the "Walk" light is green. You should always follow these rules and remember the maxim, "Better late than never."

Word/Phrase

Meaning

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| 1. pedestrian | a person who travels on foot |
| 2. zebra or pedestrian crossing | a part of the road where cars and other vehicles stop, to allow people to cross |

(iii) Road etiquette

- Ramesh : Rohit, how do you move on these Agra roads!
- Rohit : Yes, after living in Chandigarh, these roads must seem chaotic to you.
- Ramesh : Just look at that pedestrian, spinning his walking stick on the busy road as though the road belongs to him.
- Rohit : (to the pedestrian)
Sir, you may hurt someone with your walking stick.
- Pedestrian : Young man, mind your own business. I am free to do what I like with my stick.
- Rohit : I agree, sir, but your freedom might interfere with other people's rights, freedom and safety.
- Pedestrian : Thanks for pointing this out. I've made a note of your suggestion.

Word

Meaning

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| 1. chaotic | disorganised |
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