

Emerging



Emerging is the name given to the act of moving from a minor road into a major road. The distinction between minor and major roads has nothing to do with how busy the roads are. It is a question of priority. **Look out for 'give way' lines**, which are double broken white lines.



Generally, **vehicles on the major road go first.**



A closed junction

Closed Junctions

Most T-junctions in cities are closed. This is because buildings, parked cars and street furniture often obscure your view. At closed junctions use gear 1.

Stop signs

At some closed junctions you will see a stop sign and a solid white line across the road. You must come to a complete stop. **Use the handbrake!** Take extra time to make sure it is safe to emerge onto the major road.



Open Junctions.

An Open T-junction is one where, as you approach, you can make a decision about whether it is safe to continue without stopping. Open junctions are usually flanked by playing fields, or grassy banks. It may be safe to continue in 2nd gear.



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Early observation

Start looking early on, and ask: Is it an open junction or a closed junction? Apply the system of car control on the approach to the junction:

Mirrors | Signals | Position | Speed | Gear | Look

Handbrake

If the wheels of the car completely stop, then you should use the handbrake to secure the car while you readjust your feet and find the biting point. This ensures that the vehicle does not roll backwards. If you can keep the wheels turning forwards slightly, then you may not require the handbrake.