

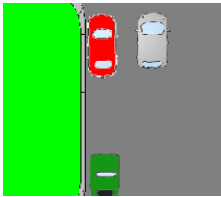
## Parallel Parking

In order to pass a driving test you will need to perfect your reverse parking. You will be asked to park behind a parked car and use no more than 2 car lengths to complete the manoeuvre. You may also be asked to park in the test centre, in a marked bay.

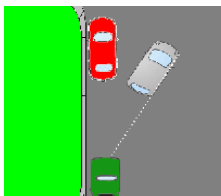
Here are some tips:

- Check your blind spot before turning (the car will swing out at the front).
- Take care over your starting point. It is very important to begin in the right position.
- Give Way to anyone not giving way to you! But if another road user is prepared to wait, then carry on. But don't rush on their behalf.
- Don't rely on the mirrors. Check the **rear windows** in case you miss something!
- If you don't fit first time, readjust it so that you finish in the right place.
- Try to finish no more than 8 inches from the kerb, that's about the width of this piece of paper

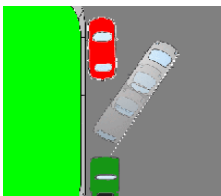
## My Method



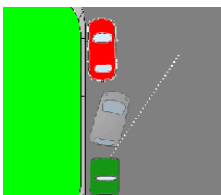
Start about a metre from the cars edge. Your back wheels should be slightly in front of the back of the other car. Steer 1 turn towards the kerb.



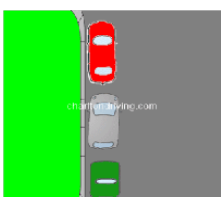
If you are parking between 2 cars, create an angle with the right side of your car, so that it lines up with the middle of the car behind. (On test, if there is no car behind, then create a 30 degree angle). Then straighten up your wheels by turning 1 right.



Reverse the car towards the kerb, and keep the wheels straight until your nearside rear wheel is 1.5 feet from the kerb. (Use your nearside mirror to work this one out). Make sure your front end is not going to hit the car in front. Then steer to the right at least 1 turn.



When the front of the car has become parallel with the kerb, straighten the wheels again by turning back to the left.



If you need to move forward to fix the position a little then do so. Your examiner won't mind, as long as you don't take too long, don't bash the kerb, and take care to look out for other road users.