

# Road Sign Scavenger Hunt

## **Lesson at a glance:**

Students will become familiar with the colors, symbols, shapes and meaning of common road signs.

## **Skills:**

Observing, Matching, Sorting, Coloring

## **Grades:**

K-2

## **Materials:**

- ❑ Red, blue, green, orange and yellow pens, pencils, markers and/or crayons
- ❑ Clip boards
- ❑ Pictures of road signs
- ❑ "Getting to Know Signs" worksheet
- ❑ "Sign Scavenger Hunt" worksheet



## **Background:**

Road signs come in different shapes and colors. Each shape or color has a definite meaning. The shape and color of a sign may warn you of danger, tell you what to do or not do while driving, let you know where you are, or tell you how to get where you are going. Signs may also have words, numbers, or pictures to help you understand what each of them means. Recognizing signs and understanding what they mean can help us all be safer whether we are driving or walking along roads.

## **Activity:**

### **Part One:**

1. Ask the children to describe signs they've seen in their community. To start the discussion, mention familiar places, such as grocery stores, gas stations, or restaurants.
2. Have each child develop a definition of a sign. (Example: A sign helps you find your way.) Write their definitions on the chalkboard.
3. Show the children pictures of a variety of road signs.
4. Discuss the shape and color of each sign, the words, numbers, pictures or symbols that are found on each one and what they mean.
5. Hand the students the "Getting to Know Signs" worksheet. Have each student color the shapes correctly.

### **Part Two:**

1. Hand out the "Sign Scavenger Hunt" worksheet on a clipboard.



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2. Explain to the children that they are going on a "Sign Scavenger Hunt." As you lead them on a walk around the school, have the students find as many road signs as possible. As they study each sign, they should test their definition to see if it is a good explanation of what a sign is. Have the students circle the signs they saw on their walk. Review what each sign means and what the colors tell them.
3. Problem solve as a group any discrepancies that arise. Did their definitions hold true?

**Extensions:**

1. Ask the students to draw an X through signs they see on their way home.
2. Have them bring their worksheets back to class the next day and discuss what they saw. Review what each of the colors mean.

**Assessment:**

1. Have your students write simple sentences using the signs and indicating the appropriate action.
2. For younger students, have them draw pictures illustrating the appropriate behavior with the sign.

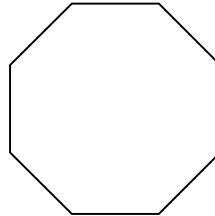


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# Getting to Know Signs Worksheet

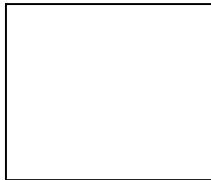
Red signs mean stop or use caution (be careful/watch for cars).

Color the stop sign shape red.



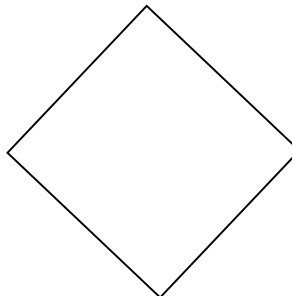
Yellow signs with black lettering are used to warn about something.

Color the square yellow,



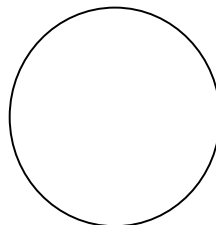
Orange signs with black lettering mean road construction (people are working on or fixing the road).

Color the diamond orange.



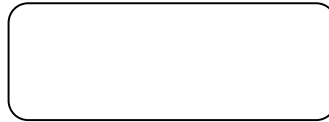
Green signals mean go with caution (go slowly while watching for cars).

Color the circle green.



Green signs with white lettering show directions and distances to different places. This sign has the name of the streets that meet at a corner.

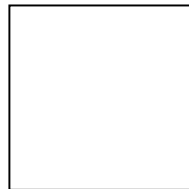
Color the rectangle green.



What is the name of the street that you live on?

Blue signs show information, like how to get to a hospital. The H on this sign stands for Hospital.

Color the square blue.



White signs with black lettering tell you something important. This sign tells someone driving that they shouldn't go faster than the number on the sign.

Use a black pen or crayon to write the number 25 on this rectangle.

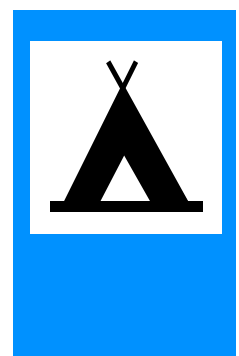
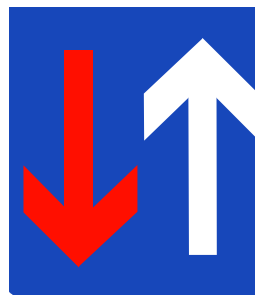


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# Sign Scavenger Hunt

1. Circle the signs you see as you walk around your school.
2. Put an X through the signs you see on your way home from school.





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