

Shapes on the Road

Every driver of a car, truck, bus or other kind of vehicle must obey the traffic



signs that are placed along roads and highways. These signs tell drivers what the law is on the road where they are. Traffic signs are very important and help to prevent accidents. Traffic signs have many shapes.

The red stop sign at many intersections is always an octagon. An octagon has eight sides. A yellow triangular sign pointing to the right means "No Passing Zone." This means the driver must stay on the right side of the road. A red and white triangle pointing down says "Yield." Yield means let another vehicle go first.

The sign to mark a school zone is a pentagon. A pentagon has five sides. A railroad crossing sign is a circle with an X in it. Other road signs are circular too.

Diamond shaped signs give drivers warning messages. Warning messages tell about dangers ahead on the road. Many other road and traffic signs are rectangles. Speed limit signs are rectangles and tell drivers how fast they are allowed to drive.



Name: _____

Multiple Choice

Circle the correct answer.

1. How many sides does an octagon have?

- a. 4
- b. 5
- c. 8

2. What color is a stop sign?

- a. Red
- b. Yellow
- c. Green

3. How many sides does a pentagon have?

- a. 4
- b. 5
- c. 8

4. Diamond shaped road signs tell drivers

- a. The speed limit
- b. Warnings
- c. To yield

5. How many sides does a rectangle have?

- a. 4
- b. 5
- c. 8



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Write the shape of each road sign.



















Answer Key

Multiple choice

1. c.
2. a.
3. b.
4. a.
5. a.

Write the shape of each road sign.

Rectangle

Diamond

Octagon

Rectangle

Triangle

Circle

Triangle

Rectangle

