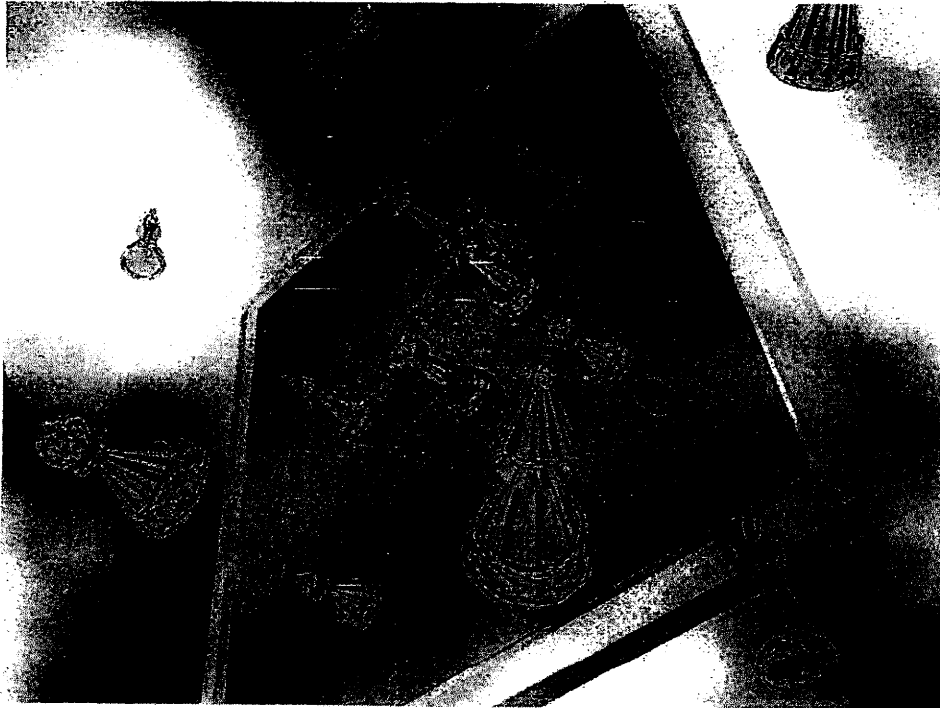


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## CHALLENGE BOOK



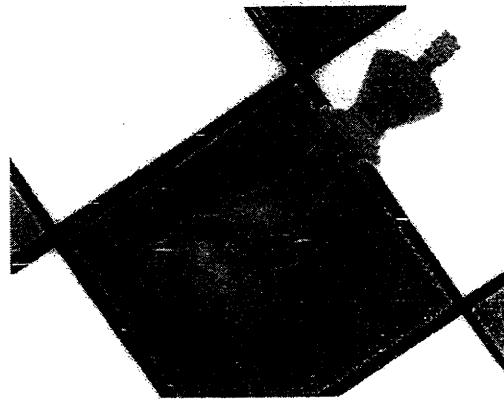
*Get into your mental set of wheels, buckle up your virtual seat belt and drive along the imaginary "chessboard" from the school to your home.*



*See if you can make it home safely to **checkmate** the board by developing a positive, mature driver's **attitude** along the way.*



- *Read each scenario and think about each "Challenge."*
- *As a group, make a sketch of each situation as you see it.*
  - *As a group, write out, in a series of "bullet points," what you should do in each circumstance and what your **attitude** should be.*



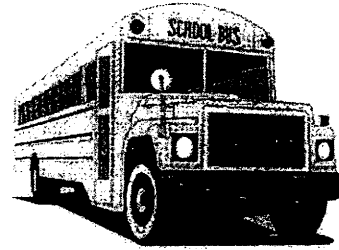
*To be a safe, superior driver requires skill, alertness, common sense, courtesy and patience.*

*And that means a **REALITY CHECK**.*

*Start your engine!*

# School bus

**CHALLENGE:** *When are drivers required to stop for a stopped school bus?*



1. You drive cautiously out of the school parking lot.
2. You are one mile from school, on a four-lane street with a double-yellow line separating the two-way traffic. You are in the right lane.
3. A school bus pulls out in front of you and drives slowly forward. There are cars behind you, and cars coming up on you in the left lane.
4. The school bus begins to slow down . . . but it does not have its stop sign extended or its red lights flashing.
5. You cannot see what is going on beyond the bus. Several cars are behind you, slowing, while a few cars in the left lane begin to pass you. **What should you do?**

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# Jogger

**CHALLENGE:** *Pedestrians are among the least protected roadway users. Why? And what can you do to protect them?*



1. You are driving on a two-lane street at 30 MPH.
2. Up ahead, you see a jogger on your side of the street, near the curb and running at a steady pace ahead of you.
3. You are coming near an intersection, and you want to take a *right turn*. There are cars behind you. The light is green.
4. The jogger slows down approaching the intersection but is still running slowly. Joggers should yield to moving traffic, but do not expect this to happen.
5. You want to turn right before the light changes. There is a car in the opposite lane at the intersection, facing you, waiting to take a *left turn* into the lane where you will turn. **What should you do?**

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# Animals

**CHALLENGE:** *Think about the steps required to deal with animals on or along the roadway.*



1. You are driving down a narrow residential street, with cars parked on both sides, traveling at 25 MPH.
2. Children are playing on sidewalks on both sides of the street, but you can see them clearly.
3. You see a cat walking on the parkway, between the parked cars and the sidewalk, but then it disappears from your sight.
4. Another car turns onto the street and is coming towards you. The car is waiting for you to move forward and pull to the right between parked cars in order to drive past you.
5. You then notice another car is behind you. **What should you do?**

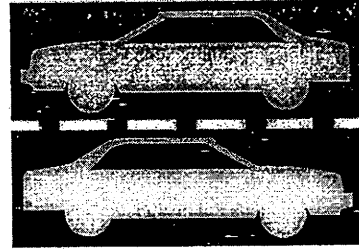
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# Parking

**CHALLENGE:** Consider the reference points a car uses when parallel parking, and how the car moves.



1. You are on a busy two-lane, two-way street with metered parking on both sides.
2. There are pedestrians everywhere, including several crossing the street in between the street corners.
3. The car in front of you begins to slow down and you see its right turn signal.
4. You can see that the car is approaching an empty parking space, and it moves just past the space and stops.
5. In your rear view mirror, you see a line of cars behind you. It does not look like there are cars coming from the other direction, at least for the moment.  
**What should you do?**

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# Crosswalk

**CHALLENGE:** *How do pedestrian signals and pavement markings help you when driving?*



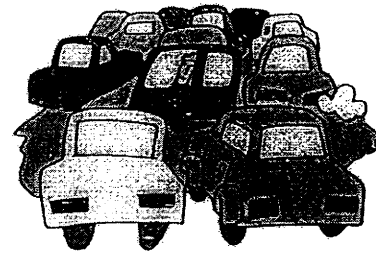
1. You are driving on a two-lane, two-way city street, with three cars behind you and not much traffic in front of you.
2. Between cross streets, there is a church with a crosswalk painted across the street in stripes.
3. When you are 50 feet from that painted crosswalk, you notice a person in a wheel chair, on the curb, positioned to cross the street.
4. There is a car coming in the opposite direction, but it is about a half-block away.
5. The person in the wheel chair makes eye contact with you as you approach the crosswalk. **What should you do?**

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# Expressway

**CHALLENGE:** *Take into account how expressways are different from other highways.*



1. You drive up an entrance ramp to enter a four-lane expressway.
2. Vehicles are moving quickly. You will merge with traffic from the merge lane into the right lane of the expressway.
3. Your merging lane ends in 500 feet, where there is an exit. As you enter the merge lane, there are cars coming into the lane to exit in front of you.
4. There are two cars directly behind you, accelerating as you move faster.
5. You must watch the cars coming into the merge lane while you try to move into the right lane, to avoid a merge conflict. **What should you do?**

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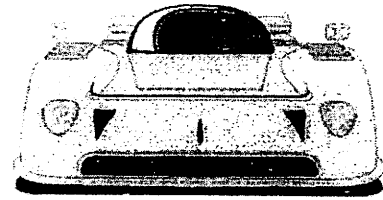
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# Road Rage

**CHALLENGE:** *Discuss how you can manage your emotions while driving a vehicle.*



1. You are driving on a four-lane, divided highway, *at night*.
2. Traffic is fairly light. You stay in the right lane. There has been a drizzle a few minutes earlier. A car in the left lane is slightly behind you, where it has just positioned itself.
3. Suddenly, a car that has been following the vehicle in the left lane shoots over to your lane and closes in on you.
4. The car flashes its lights and blares its horn. The driver is in a hurry, and the car is very close to you.
5. The car in the left lane stays just in your blind spot. The angry driver tailgating you is getting angrier. **What should you do?**

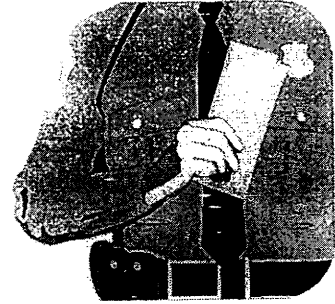
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# Police

**CHALLENGE:** *Explain why traffic laws are made for all drivers, young and old.*



1. You are on your way to an appointment before heading home. The light turns green.
2. You are driving on a four-lane, divided street. There are no cars directly ahead of you.
3. Soon, you hear a siren and in your rearview mirror you see a police car, flashing its lights and headed towards you.
4. The spotlight from the police car focuses on your rearview mirror, and you pull over slowly to the curb and stop. The police car pulls up directly behind you.
5. After a few minutes, the officer walks over to you and you roll down your window. You recall there are things you are required to show the officer. You are upset. **What should you do?**

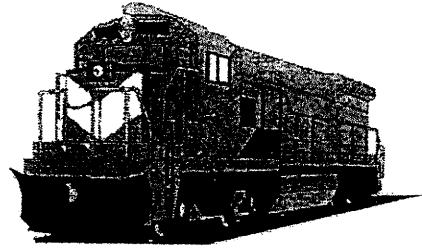
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# Railroad

**CHALLENGE:** *What makes a railroad crossing an especially dangerous intersection?*



1. It is afternoon, with heavy traffic on your side of a two-lane road. The on-coming traffic is fairly sparse.
2. After awhile, you see a railroad crossing up ahead. You are tired and it has been a long day.
3. It is a small railroad crossing. There are no traffic lights before the tracks.
4. Just as you get near the crossing, the bells and red lights go off, signaling that a train is coming.
5. You are very close to the railroad tracks, and the crossing gate has not come down yet. **What should you do?**

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# Hazard

**CHALLENGE:** *Include examples of an orderly visual search pattern.*



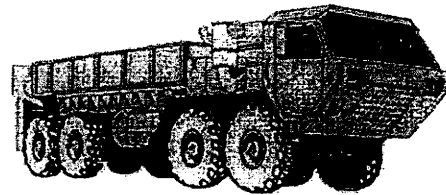
1. Traffic moves fairly well downtown. You are on a busy street in the center of town.
2. You have had the bad luck of catching several red lights in a row. It is taking time to move through the city.
3. People on bicycles and on foot dart along the sidewalk and into the street.
4. One messenger on a bicycle dodges through the cars on the street, zig-zagging along. You are stopped at a light, with three cars in front of you and several behind you.
5. As the messenger approaches your car, the light turns green. **What should you do?**

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# Construction



**CHALLENGE:** *Consider how knowledge and experience affect your ability to make accurate predictions.*

1. The speed limit on a four-lane, two-way highway is 45 MPH.
2. Traffic moves fairly quickly, and it is crowded. You are in the right lane.
3. You notice a sign stating that construction is ahead, but you cannot see it. Traffic continues to move a little above the speed limit.
4. There are many cars behind you and in front of you. The road now curves to the right, with a sign indicating that the right lane will merge with the left lane.
5. The traffic swiftly veers into one lane across the white-dashed line dividing the lanes, marked out by red plastic cones. **What should you do?**

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# Unexpected

**CHALLENGE:** Consider the meaning of the term "predict the worst."



1. You drive past a grammar school. School has just been let out for the day.
2. You notice the children walking home, the cars moving in both directions and several of them stopping for the crossing guards. You now leave the school area.
3. It is still heavy traffic, and there are a series of stop signs up ahead.
4. You see a few children throwing a frisbee. Other children are turning down a street to your left. You wait your turn to get to a stop sign, then stop, then proceed ahead.
5. Out of nowhere, a ball hits your car on the window of the passenger side. You are going 20 MPH, with cars close behind and in front of you. **What should you do?**

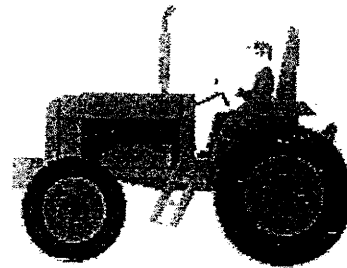
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# Obstruction

**CHALLENGE:** *Why should the decision to pass be very deliberate and well calculated?*



1. You are on a two-lane country highway, with light to medium traffic heading in both directions.
2. You still have a long drive ahead, and the weather is cloudy and overcast.
3. About 300 feet ahead, you see a very large tractor pull out in your lane, going very slowly.
4. You are forced to slow down and follow the tractor. Cars are coming up behind you. The car in back of you becomes impatient and tailgates.
5. You try to see beyond the tractor, but it is too large. You want to pass, but you are not sure about oncoming traffic or when the road will curve. **What should you do?**

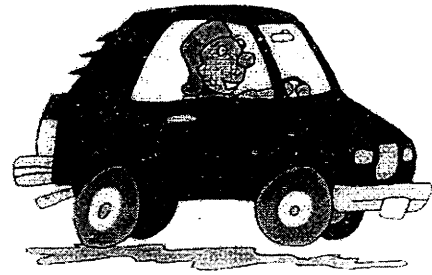
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# Frustration

**CHALLENGE:** *How do your emotions affect your willingness to accept risk?*



1. You are driving in the city on a long two-lane, two-way street with numerous stoplights.
2. The speed limit is 35 MPH. The car in front of you is going 25 MPH.
3. There is a lot of traffic, although at times it clears up for a block.
4. The cars behind you are becoming numerous. The car in front of you takes its time from stoplight to stoplight.
5. This is the only direct way home. You can now see the driver in front of you talking on a cell phone. Your speedometer reads 23 MPH. **What should you do?**

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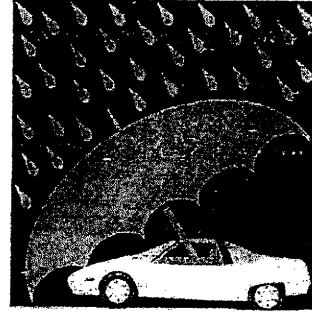
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# Weather

**CHALLENGE:** *Explain what an experienced driver should do in adverse weather conditions.*



1. You are driving 25 MPH in your neighborhood, not far from you home. You are very familiar with the roads.
2. It has started to rain very heavily.
3. You put your windshield wipers on, and you are now approaching a 4-way stop intersection.
4. You see other cars coming, and there is a car directly behind you.
5. As you apply your brakes, your vehicle immediately goes into a skid. **What should you do?**

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# You made it home!



Some questions for you to think about:

1. How was your attitude in each scenario? (It should be included in your answers for each one.)
2. How was attitude a factor in each circumstance you encountered?
3. How important is it to have a positive, mature attitude when faced with hazardous driving conditions, peer pressure to speed or blast the radio, frustration, anger and situations beyond your control?
4. What was the most important thing you learned, and how will you remember it?

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