

Structures			
In some countries, you	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • must • have to 	wear a seatbelt in the car.	it's compulsory.
You	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • mustn't • can't 	drive without a seatbelt.	
It's	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • forbidden to • prohibited to 	drive without a seatbelt.	
You're	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • not allowed to 	drive without a seatbelt.	
In other countries, you	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • don't have to 	wear a seatbelt.	
In other countries, you	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • can • are allowed to 	drive without a seatbelt.	

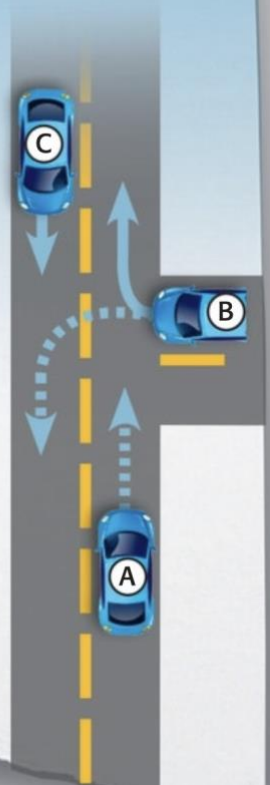
Reading 13.1

CONFUSING AND DANGEROUS FOREIGN ROAD RULES TO WATCH OUT FOR

Driving abroad is often confusing. And not just because some of the road signs are different. The rules of the road may be different, too. Clearly, you can't learn all the traffic regulations for every foreign country you visit. However, it helps to learn about some specific laws that often take visiting drivers by surprise. A good example is a rule, in many Continental European countries, where cars can pull out of intersections in front of other cars. For visiting drivers who don't know the rule, the danger is obvious.

The rule only applies at some intersections, and generally only on roads with low speed limits. It states that you have to yield to vehicles arriving from the right. Vehicles on the right are allowed to join the road in front of those already on the highway. Cars on the right don't have to wait for you to stop. They can just pull out.

In the diagram, Car A must stop. It mustn't move forward until after Car B has joined the road. However, if Car B is turning left, and another car is coming in the opposite direction (Car C), then Car B can't join the far lane – it's not allowed to pull out in front of Car C (because Car C is on its right). In this case, Car B can wait at the junction and allow Car A to pass. However, if the driver of Car B likes, he or she can move halfway across the road and wait for Car C to pass, making Car A wait.



13.2 Follow-up

Look at the explanations of the rule in Reading 13.2. Then complete 1–4 using the words/phrases below. Sometimes, more than one word/phrase is possible.

are allowed to aren't allowed to can can't have to don't have to must mustn't

- 1 You _____ / _____ yield to vehicles arriving from the right.
- 2 Vehicles on your right _____ / _____ join the road in front of you.
- 3 It's OK for cars on your right to pull out. They _____ wait for you to stop.
- 4 If a car is coming from the right, you _____ / _____ / _____ pull out in front of it.

Practice Exercise 1

Underline the correct words or phrases in the sentences below.

- 1 The sign says, "No parking". You must / mustn't leave your car there.
- 2 Here, you have to wear a helmet on a motorcycle. It's compulsory / prohibited.
- 3 You can buy a ticket just before you travel. You mustn't / don't have to book in advance.
- 4 Is this a "no smoking" area? – No, you must / you're allowed to smoke.
- 5 Is this area open to the public? – Yes. You can / have to go in.
- 6 The sign says, "No cell phones". You don't have to / You're not allowed to use cell phones.
- 7 Should I bring my passport? – No, you can't / don't have to show any ID.
- 8 You mustn't bring fresh fruit into the country. It's compulsory / forbidden.

Practice Exercise 2

Use each of these words and phrases once to complete the article below.

are allowed to can can't don't have to must mustn't

The world's most dangerous road



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As there are no other highways between La Paz and the Yungas region of Bolivia, the North Yungas Road has no restrictions on large vehicles. This means trucks and buses **2** use the narrow track, which makes it even more dangerous. The weather is a problem, too. Frequent rain makes the dirt surface slippery. And when it's dry, dust is blown into the air, so drivers **3** see easily.

Even the rules of the road are confusing. Normally in Bolivia, they drive on the right. However, on the North Yungas Road you pass on the left. The reason is so that drivers – in their left-hand-drive vehicles – **4** see the edge of the track more easily. Another rule is that drivers going downhill **5** yield to those going uphill, so that vehicles that are climbing **6** stop and risk getting stuck. Traffic jams are frequent. So are accidents.

ANSWERS

Follow up 13.2

1. have to/ must
2. can/ are allowed to
3. don't have to
4. mustn't/ under allowed to/ can't

Practice Exercise 1

1. mustn't
2. compulsory
3. don't have to
4. you're allowed to
5. can
6. You're not allowed to
7. don't have to
8. prohibited

Practice Exercise 2

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