

14. Crossroads

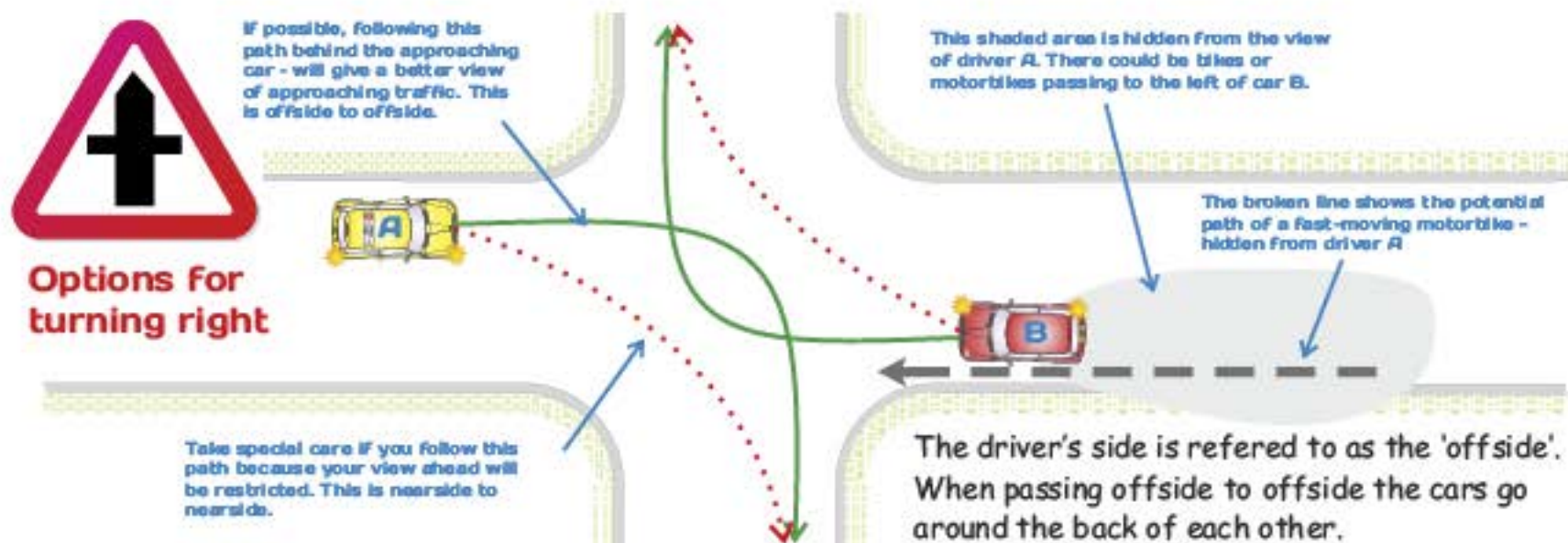
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A crossroad is a junction where one road crosses another. Crossroads can be marked or unmarked.

When approaching on the main road, check to make sure that the roads on the left and right are clear before proceeding - even if you have priority; you will often need to slow down by easing off the gas and perhaps selecting a lower gear. When turning left or right from a main road at crossroads make sure that you check all around - traffic can approach from any direction! (Remember to count to three - see the DriverActive web course)

When approaching from a side road, the crossroad is simply an extension of a T-junction. Make your normal safety checks left and right but this time you also need to check the road ahead. Priority is determined in the same way as when turning from a main road, however, always double check and only proceed when you are absolutely sure that it is safe. Take care when following the road ahead... Make sure that the 'new' road ahead is clear before you start to move..

Take extra care at unmarked crossroads - no one has automatic priority. Be prepared to stop and give way, even if you consider that you are on the main road - other drivers might be strangers to the area, or might genuinely think that they have priority.



Lesson Notes:

