

15. Y-Junctions

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Y-Junctions are, in many respects, similar to T-junctions. The main difference is that the shape of the junction affects what you can see as you approach; this often misleads people into approaching too fast in the mistaken belief that the road is clear.

Some drivers in the side road might not even see the junction, especially when in a strange area or on unlit roads at night.

When emerging from Y-junctions your view will be restricted by blind-spots created by the 'pillars' of your car - ask your instructor to point these out to you.

You need to take extra precautions with your observation and will often need to lean forwards and/or backwards to compensate for the extra blind-spots.

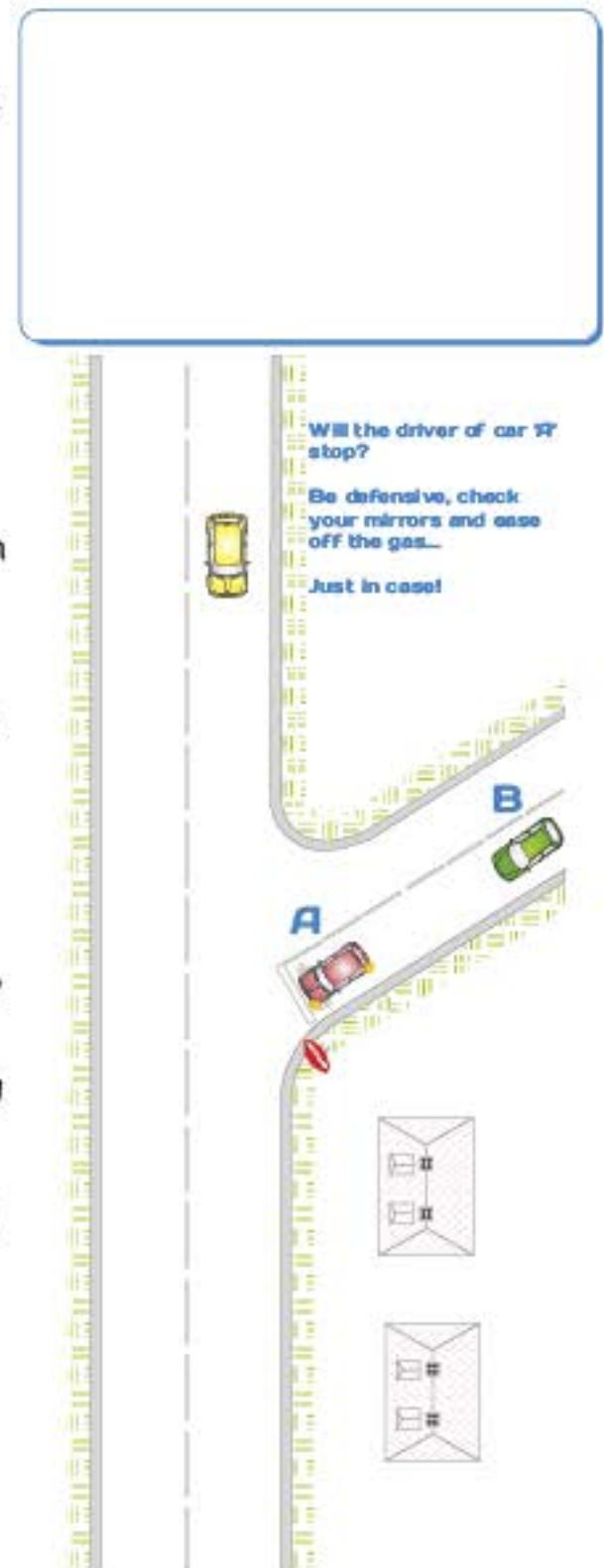
If you have an early, open view into the main road, and can see that the road is clear (car B), make sure the driver in front (car A) has moved before you make your move! There is a real risk of rear-end shunts when emerging from this type of junction.

From the main road you can easily spot side roads that enter at an acute angle like the one in the diagram. If you can clearly see the 'Stop' or 'Give-Way' sign in the side road as you drive along the main road, take extra care. Remember that drivers who are approaching or waiting to emerge might not have seen you.

Be especially careful if the side road is unmarked, drivers on that road might not realise that they are joining a main road.



**Be prepared for
the unexpected ...**



Lesson Notes:

