

Be safe around trucks



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The tasks below should help you to learn how to be safe around trucks.”

TASK 1: The difference between trucks and cars:

Take a look at the picture below and spot as many differences as you can between the truck and the car. Think about size, noise, passengers and list them below:

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TASK 2: Read the questions below and mark your answers TRUE or FALSE:

1. A truck is bigger than a car.
2. A car takes longer to stop than a truck.
3. If you cant see a driver’s mirrors, he cant see you.
4. An empty truck will take the same distance to stop as a truck which is full.
5. When a truck reverses, it needs more space than a car.

True	False
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TASK 3: Driver’s Mirrors:

REMEMBER: If you can’t see the driver’s mirrors then he can’t see you!



1. Can you circle 5 of the truck’s mirrors?



2. Can you circle 2 places where you think it would be dangerous to stand if the truck was moving forwards?



3. Can you circle 2 places where you think it would be dangerous to stand if the truck was reversing?

1 - Anywhere at the front of the truck
2 - Anywhere down the side of the truck or on each corner of the front of the truck
3 - Anywhere at the back of the truck or where the truck splits)

Task 3 Answers:



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TASK 4: Blind Spots:

What is a blind spot?

Blind spots are areas which the driver can’t see when in his cab.



Do you think these are blind spots below?

1. Directly in front of the truck
2. Along the side of the lorry
3. The front near side corner
4. At the back doors

YES	NO
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TASK 5: Stopping Distances:

Trucks take much longer to stop than cars because they are bigger. Look at this picture below. If these children run out into the road to pick up their ball and the driver pushes his brakes to stop...

Write ‘1’ next to the child who would be killed?

Write ‘2’ next to the child who would be hurt?

Write ‘3’ next to the child who would survive?



TASK 4: Reversing:

When a truck makes a loud beeping noise like this (teacher to make a loud beeping noise), what does this mean the truck is doing?

1. Reversing?
2. Selling ice creams?
3. Stopping?