

# CHECK OUT THE CONDITIONS

## Practise driving in different conditions on different roads.

Have you ever thought about all of the different conditions drivers have to manage when driving? Check these examples out.

### Different types of roads

- Freeways and highways
- A long stretch of road
- Narrow, winding road
- A gravel or corrugated road
- A busy intersection
- Railway crossing

### Weather conditions

- Smoky
- Foggy
- Stormy with hail
- Rainy
- Bright sunshine
- Night time
- Dusk/sunset

### Environment

- Heavy traffic
- Stretch of road where there are cyclists
- Near a school at finish time
- Hilly areas with curvy roads
- Flat countryside where everything looks the same

Traffic skills (eg changing lanes, merging)

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Safety skills (eg keeping a 2-second gap between their car and the car in front)

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Advanced driving skills (eg taking a break after two hours of driving)

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4. At the end of the trip, talk to your driver about the conditions you observed.



### ON YOUR NEXT TRIP...

1. Watch how your driver reacts to different conditions.
2. Try to anticipate what you driver will do when they notice different conditions. For example, if it started to rain, did your driver reduce their speed and turn on their windscreen wipers? Did they leave a bigger gap between them and the car in front?
3. Record the skills that were used by the driver to deal with different conditions.  
Vehicle control skills (eg changing gears, using the brakes)

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### ASK YOUR DRIVER TO SHARE WITH YOU...

- How they know to drive differently for different conditions.
- Which driving conditions are the most challenging.
- How they feel when other drivers don't adjust their driving to meet the conditions.
- Why they think road users are at risk if drivers do not drive to the conditions.



### STOP & THINK

1 What are some driving conditions that you will see and experience in your local area?

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Which of these is the most hazardous? Why?

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2 What are some driving conditions that you won't see and experience in your local area?

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What can you do to experience and practise handling these conditions? For example, if you live in the country and want to travel to Perth, how will you cope with the increased traffic in the city?

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3 Many crashes involving young people happen on country roads. What are six things you should do to stay safe when driving on country roads?

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