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| **Situational Awareness** | |
| **Learning Objectives** | * Help teen learners understand the importance of situational awareness. * Help teens understand other road users. * Provide new drivers tips to navigate roadways safely. |
| **Questions** | Q1. Situational Awareness includes being aware of the roadway and the environment around it. Some examples of this include.   1. Identifying the orange, rectangular sign and noting that it is indicating the start of a Work Zone. 2. Focusing all your attention on the brake lights of the leading car 3. Anticipating that the driver ahead of you might turn at the upcoming intersection because he has reduced his speed even though his indicator is off 4. Keeping the same cruise control settings even after it has started raining.   Answer: a and c  Feedback: In order to handle different scenarios when driving you should pay attention to the changes taking place and identify how they may impact driving conditions. You also need to consider how other drivers will react to the changes and adjust accordingly.  Q2: If I want to be aware of my surrounding while driving I should   1. Scan conditions 20 to 30 seconds ahead of me 2. Look from side to side while I drive. 3. Check my mirror intermittently. 4. All the above.   Answer: d.  Feedback: Scanning ahead, looking from side to side and checking all your mirrors while you are driving will give you a good appreciation of your surroundings. This will help you respond faster to changes that occur during your drive.  Q3: Sharing the road with other users means that I need to be aware that   1. A pedestrian might be in a crosswalk if a vehicle is stopped there. I should not attempt to pass that vehicle 2. A cyclist could be in my blind spot. I should double-check before changing lanes or turning. 3. Large trucks have several blind spots and require plenty of room for maneuvering. I should try to remain visible and give them plenty of room when driving 4. All the above.   Answer: d  Feedback: When driving, it is important to be mindful of other road users. Pedestrians and cyclists are the most vulnerable road users; therefore, you should take extra care when sharing the road with them. Also, be mindful of your location relative to other vehicles, especially trucks and trailers, since they have larger blind spots.  Q4: Which of the following are useful for improving driving situations?   1. Keep all your mirrors at factory settings because it provides maximum visibility 2. Use horns and turn signals appropriately when communicating your plans or drawing the attention of other road users. 3. Turn up the music when driving to drown out the noise coming from outside your car. 4. Focus on staying in your lane when navigating horizontal curves regardless of your speed.   Answer: b  Feedback: It is advisable to know your vehicle specification, safety equipment and communication features before driving. In addition to this, set up the environment in your car in a way that you are still able to observe and hear what is going on outside your vehicle. |