



The SESK Tabletop Game

STUFF EVERY DRIVER SHOULD KNOW

How to play (30 seconds)

1. The reader reads a card and its three answers out loud.
2. Everyone says "One, two, three, Goldilocks!" and holds up 1, 2, or 3 fingers.
3. The reader flips the card and reads the answer and the Why.
4. Everyone who was right takes a point.
5. The reader reads the joke with a straight face. Anyone laughs or groans? The reader takes a point. Nobody got it right? The reader takes a point.
6. Pass the deck left. Most points when the points run out wins.

What you need

These cards and the point tokens on the last two pages. No tokens? Use coins, buttons, pebbles, or marshmallows. 3 to 10 players, ages 8 and up.

Expert rule: Bet It

Before the reader flips the card, you may put one of your points on your answer. Right: take your normal point plus one extra. Wrong: your bet goes back to the pile. That's it.

Printing

Print single-sided, on cardstock if you have it. Cut on the dashed lines. Each card is a 3.5 x 5 inch index card. The answer half is upside down on purpose, so the table can't peek. Cards 1 to 50 of 119. More cards and the free daily online game at sesk.info. Built 2026-10-09.

CARS & DRIVING



At an unsigned intersection, who normally goes first?

- A** The first to arrive
- B** The largest vehicle
- C** The fastest vehicle

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

#933

SESK.INFO

STRAIGHT FACE
Why did the intersection introduce everyone? It was great at crossing paths.

A The first to arrive
WHY Arrival order decides who normally goes first. Still watch for people or vehicles that may not yield.

CARS & DRIVING



Two vehicles arrive together at an unsigned intersection. Who yields?

- A** The driver on the right
- B** The driver on the left
- C** Whichever driver is turning

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

#934

SESK.INFO

STRAIGHT FACE
Why was the right lane confident? It knew it was right

B The driver on the left
WHY When arrival is simultaneous, let the road user on your right go first. This rule also applies at an all-way stop after everyone stops.

CARS & DRIVING



At an unsigned T-intersection, who has the right-of-way?

- A** Traffic on the ending road
- B** Vehicles turning left
- C** Traffic on the through road

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

#935

SESK.INFO

STRAIGHT FACE
Why did the T-intersection study spelling? It wanted to mind its tees.

C Traffic on the through road
WHY The road that ends must yield to the road that continues. Check both directions before entering the through road.

CARS & DRIVING



Before turning left, which traffic must you yield to?

- A** Close approaching traffic and pedestrians
- B** Only vehicles behind you
- C** Only vehicles turning right

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

#936

SESK.INFO

STRAIGHT FACE
Why did the left turn wait? It had good intersection manners.

A Close approaching traffic and pedestrians
WHY A left turn crosses other paths. Wait for approaching vehicles and pedestrians when they are close enough to make the turn unsafe.

CARS & DRIVING



Pulling out of a driveway onto a road, who has priority?

- A** You, the entering driver
- B** Traffic already on the road
- C** Whichever vehicle is slower

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

#937

SESK.INFO

STRAIGHT FACE
The merging car joined the lane after a very moving introduction.

B Traffic already on the road
WHY Entering traffic must find a safe gap. Look both ways, then pull out without forcing traffic on the road to brake.

CARS & DRIVING



When entering a roundabout, who has the right-of-way?

- A** Vehicles entering fastest
- B** Traffic behind you
- C** Traffic already circulating

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

#938

SESK.INFO

STRAIGHT FACE
Roundabouts are popular because they always come back around.

C Traffic already circulating
WHY Slow down and look for a safe gap. Traffic inside the roundabout has priority over vehicles entering it.

CARS & DRIVING



Do pedestrians have priority in an unmarked crosswalk?

- A** Yes, marked or unmarked
- B** Only during daylight
- C** Only when lines are painted

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

#939

SESK.INFO

STRAIGHT FACE
Why did the crosswalk blush? Everyone kept looking both ways at it.

A Yes, marked or unmarked
WHY Paint is not required for a crosswalk to exist. Slow or stop so a person can safely cross.

CARS & DRIVING



About how early should you signal a turn?

- A** 10 feet before
- B** About 100 feet before
- C** Only after turning begins

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

#940

SESK.INFO

STRAIGHT FACE
Turn signals are a car's way of saying, Here is my next plot twist.

B About 100 feet before
WHY An early signal gives other road users time to understand your plan. Keep signaling until you begin the turn.

CARS & DRIVING



While waiting to turn left, where should your wheels point?

- A** Straight ahead
- B** Hard left
- C** Toward the curb

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

#942

SESK.INFO

STRAIGHT FACE
The wheels waited patiently because they did not want to turn too soon.

A **STRAIGHT AHEAD**
WHY Straight wheels help keep a stopped car out of oncoming traffic if it is pushed forward. Turn the wheel only when you begin the turn.

CARS & DRIVING



Which lane should a normal right turn begin and end in?

- A** The far-left lane
- B** The lane closest to the right edge
- C** Any open lane

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

#943

SESK.INFO

STRAIGHT FACE
The right turn stayed close to the edge because it liked neat corners.

B **THE LANE CLOSEST TO THE RIGHT EDGE**
WHY Stay close to the right edge through a normal right turn. A wide swing can put your car into another lane.

CARS & DRIVING



What should you do after missing your turn?

- A** Reverse to the corner
- B** Cut across lanes
- C** Continue to a safe legal turn

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

#944

SESK.INFO

STRAIGHT FACE
I missed my turn, so the road gave me time to reflect.

C **CONTINUE TO A SAFE LEGAL TURN**
WHY A missed turn is not an emergency. Keep your path predictable and find a safe, legal way back.

CARS & DRIVING



Should you turn left just because an oncoming car signals right?

- A** No, wait for it to turn
- B** Yes, signals guarantee movement
- C** Yes, if you wave first

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

#945

SESK.INFO

STRAIGHT FACE
The blinker made a promise, but the driver forgot the appointment.

A **NO, WAIT FOR IT TO TURN**
WHY A signal may be left on or may refer to a later turn. Wait until the vehicle starts turning before crossing its path.

CARS & DRIVING



On a multilane road, what is the far-left lane mainly for?

- A** Parking
- B** Entering traffic
- C** Passing other vehicles

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

#946

SESK.INFO

STRAIGHT FACE
The passing lane moved ahead in class because it studied the fast facts.

C **Passing other vehicles**
WHY Use the far-left lane to pass, then follow local keep-right rules. Staying in the proper lane helps traffic move predictably.

CARS & DRIVING



What checks belong before every lane change?

- A** Honk, brake, then move
- B** Signal, mirrors, shoulder check
- C** Accelerate, then signal

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

#947

SESK.INFO

STRAIGHT FACE
Mirrors reflect on the past, but shoulder checks reveal the present.

B **Signal, mirrors, shoulder check**
WHY Mirrors do not show every nearby vehicle. Signal your plan, check mirrors and traffic, then look over your shoulder before moving.

CARS & DRIVING



How should you move across several highway lanes?

- A** Sweep across all lanes
- B** Wait on the lane line
- C** Change one lane at a time

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

#948

SESK.INFO

STRAIGHT FACE
Why did the car cross lanes slowly? It believed in taking things one step at a time.

C **Change one lane at a time**
WHY Treat each lane change as a separate move. Signal and check mirrors and blind spots before each one.

CARS & DRIVING



Large broken lane lines warn you to prepare for what?

- A** The lane to end or exit
- B** A parking zone
- C** A railroad crossing

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

#949

SESK.INFO

STRAIGHT FACE
The ending lane left a broken line because goodbyes are hard.

A **The lane to end or exit**
WHY Large broken markings often show that a lane will leave the roadway or end. Look for signs and merge when safe.

CARS & DRIVING



What is safer than weaving through traffic?

- A** Follow the fastest car
- B** Stay in one lane
- C** Change lanes at every gap

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

#950

SESK.INFO

STRAIGHT FACE
The car stopped weaving because it had already finished its road quilt.

B Stay in one lane
WHY Frequent lane changes create more chances for a vehicle to be hidden or misjudge your path. Choose a suitable lane and stay predictable.

CARS & DRIVING



May you pass near a hill when you cannot see oncoming traffic?

- A** Yes, after honking
- B** Yes, near the crest
- C** No, wait for clear sight

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

#951

SESK.INFO

STRAIGHT FACE
Why are hills good at keeping secrets? You never know what is over the top.

C No, wait for clear sight
WHY A hill or curve can hide an approaching vehicle. Wait until you can see enough road to pass and return safely.

CARS & DRIVING



In most states, may you leave the pavement to pass another vehicle?

- A** No, stay on the traveled road
- B** Yes, if traffic is slow
- C** Yes, during daylight

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

#952

SESK.INFO

STRAIGHT FACE
The shoulder refused to pass because it already carried enough weight.

A No, stay on the traveled road
WHY Passing on the shoulder endangers stopped vehicles and other road users. Wait for a lawful passing chance on the traveled roadway.

CARS & DRIVING



In most states, when may you pass a left-turning vehicle on the right?

- A** By using the shoulder
- B** When it is safe on the roadway
- C** Whenever it signals left

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

#953

SESK.INFO

STRAIGHT FACE
The right-side pass waited for room because it did not like tight situations.

B When it is safe on the roadway
WHY A left-turning vehicle may be passed on the right only when there is enough lawful roadway. Never leave the traveled roadway to squeeze by.

CARS & DRIVING



What should you do while another vehicle passes you?

- A** Speed up
- B** Move toward the center
- C** Maintain lane and speed

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

#954

SESK.INFO

STRAIGHT FACE
The steady car never rushed because it had cruise confidence.

C **Maintain lane and speed**
WHY Do not race or drift toward the passing vehicle. A steady path lets the other driver complete the pass more safely.

CARS & DRIVING



When is it safe to return to your lane after passing on the left?

- A** After its front bumper appears in your inside rearview mirror
- B** When beside its front door
- C** As soon as you signal

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

#955

SESK.INFO

STRAIGHT FACE
The mirror showed the whole car, so the pass had a complete reflection.

A **After its front bumper appears in your inside rearview mirror**
WHY Seeing the front bumper in your mirror helps confirm enough space. Signal and check over your right shoulder before returning.

CARS & DRIVING



What speed should you aim for on a highway entrance ramp?

- A** Walking speed
- B** At or near traffic speed
- C** Exactly half the speed limit

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

#956

SESK.INFO

STRAIGHT FACE
The entrance ramp warned up before joining the highway team.

B **At or near traffic speed**
WHY Use the acceleration lane to approach the speed of highway traffic. Then choose a safe gap and merge without forcing others to brake.

CARS & DRIVING



Should you stop on a highway entrance ramp before merging?

- A** Always stop
- B** Stop whenever traffic is visible
- C** Do not stop unless necessary

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

#957

SESK.INFO

STRAIGHT FACE
The ramp kept moving because it was on an upward career path.

C **Do not stop unless necessary**
WHY A needless stop removes the speed and space needed to merge. Keep moving, adjust speed, and choose a safe gap unless traffic control or conditions require stopping.

CARS & DRIVING



Who has priority when you merge onto a highway?

- A** Traffic already on the highway
- B** The vehicle on the ramp
- C** Whichever vehicle is larger

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

#958

SESK.INFO

STRAIGHT FACE
The highway was already occupied, so the ramp knocked before entering.

A **WHY** Traffic already on the highway
The entering driver must select a safe opening. Highway drivers should still cooperate when possible, but the merger cannot demand a gap.

CARS & DRIVING



How early should you signal a highway exit?

- A** After entering the ramp
- B** About five seconds before
- C** Only while braking

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

#959

SESK.INFO

STRAIGHT FACE
The exit signal gave five seconds notice because it was very considerate.

B **WHY** About five seconds before
Signal while still in the proper lane so drivers behind can anticipate your move. Stay within lane markings and enter the exit at a safe speed.

CARS & DRIVING



When should you reduce speed for a highway exit?

- A** Several lanes before
- B** Only after parking
- C** In the exit lane or ramp

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

#960

SESK.INFO

STRAIGHT FACE
The exit ramp slowed down because every good trip needs a gentle conclusion.

C **WHY** In the exit lane or ramp
Enter the proper exit lane first, then reduce speed for the ramp and its posted limit. Early braking in a through lane can disrupt faster traffic.

CARS & DRIVING



Can the posted limit be too fast for current conditions?

- A** Yes, conditions can require slower speed
- B** No, the limit is always safe
- C** Only after dark

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

#961

SESK.INFO

STRAIGHT FACE
The speedometer wanted to rush, but the weather said, Take it slow.

A **WHY** Yes, conditions can require slower speed
A speed limit is not a promise that the speed is safe. Slow down for traffic, visibility, weather, road surface, and other hazards.

CARS & DRIVING



Which condition should affect your driving speed?

- A** The car's paint color
- B** The road surface
- C** The radio station

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

#962

SESK.INFO

STRAIGHT FACE
The road surface had strong opinions, so the tires listened closely.

B The road surface
WHY Rough, wet, narrow, or slippery roads can require a slower speed. Pick a speed that leaves time and traction to respond.

CARS & DRIVING



In good conditions, what minimum following gap do many state manuals recommend?

- A** Half a second
- B** One second
- C** Three seconds

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

#963

SESK.INFO

STRAIGHT FACE
The three-second gap counted slowly because it valued personal space.

C Three seconds
WHY A three-second gap gives more time to see and react than tailgating. Add more space for poor visibility, slippery roads, or other hazards.

CARS & DRIVING



How do you measure a three-second following gap?

- A** Count between the same fixed point
- B** Count car lengths in your mirror
- C** Count lane lines beside you

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

#964

SESK.INFO

STRAIGHT FACE
The roadside sign became a counting coach without saying a word.

A Count between the same fixed point
WHY Pick a sign, shadow, or other fixed point. Start counting when the vehicle ahead passes it, and make sure at least three seconds pass before you reach it.

CARS & DRIVING



When parking downhill by a curb, which way should wheels turn?

- A** Away from the curb
- B** Into the curb
- C** Straight ahead

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

#965

SESK.INFO

STRAIGHT FACE
The downhill tire leaned toward the curb for a little wheel support.

B Into the curb
WHY If the vehicle rolls, a wheel turned into the curb can help stop it from entering traffic. Set the parking brake and place the transmission in park.

CARS & DRIVING



On a hill with no curb, which way should wheels point?

- A** Right, away from road center
- B** Left, toward road center
- C** Straight downhill

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

#966

SESK.INFO

STRAIGHT FACE
Without a curb, the wheels still knew the right thing to do.

WHY Right, away from road center
With no curb, turn the wheels right so a rolling vehicle moves away from the center of the road. Also set the parking brake.

CARS & DRIVING



When you finish parallel parking, how close to the curb should you be?

- A** Within about 3 feet
- B** Within 12 to 18 inches
- C** Touching the curb hard

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

#967

SESK.INFO

STRAIGHT FACE
Parallel parking keeps cars in line, literally.

WHY Within 12 to 18 inches
Park straight and close so you stay out of the travel lane. New York says within one foot; California says within 18 inches. Check your state's manual.

CARS & DRIVING



May you park on an unmarked crosswalk?

- A** Yes, after dark
- B** Yes, without painted lines
- C** No, never on a crosswalk

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

#968

SESK.INFO

STRAIGHT FACE
The crosswalk declined the parking request because it was already booked for walking.

WHY No, never on a crosswalk
A parked vehicle can block the walking path and hide people from moving traffic. Keep every crosswalk clear, even when it has no paint.

CARS & DRIVING



What should you do before putting a vehicle in motion backward?

- A** Check the area around the vehicle
- B** Rely only on the camera
- C** Honk and move immediately

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

#969

SESK.INFO

STRAIGHT FACE
Before reversing, the car checked its surroundings and did its background research.

WHY Check the area around the vehicle
Look around before moving because small children, objects, and low obstacles may be hidden. Continue checking while backing.

CARS & DRIVING



While backing, should you rely only on mirrors and a camera?

- A** Yes, mirrors show everything
- B** No, turn and look behind
- C** Yes, if backing slowly

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

#970

SESK.INFO

STRAIGHT FACE
The rear window got the job because it had a clear background.

B No, turn and look behind
WHY Mirrors and cameras have limited views. Turn to look behind, while also glancing to the sides and front for changing hazards.

CARS & DRIVING



What speed gives the best control while backing?

- A** Fast enough to coast
- B** The same speed as forward traffic
- C** A smooth, safe speed

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

#971

SESK.INFO

STRAIGHT FACE
Reverse took it slow because it did not want to get ahead of itself.

C A smooth, safe speed
WHY Low, smooth speed gives you time to steer and stop for hazards. Keep looking behind and around the vehicle throughout the maneuver.

CARS & DRIVING



Lap and shoulder belts cut a front-seat car rider's risk of being killed in a crash by about how much?

- A** About 10 percent
- B** About 45 percent
- C** About 90 percent

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

#972

SESK.INFO

STRAIGHT FACE
Why did the seat belt get promoted? It always held everything together!

B About 45 percent
WHY Research shows lap and shoulder belts cut the risk of a fatal injury for front-seat car riders by about 45 percent. In SUVs, vans and pickups the cut is about 60 percent.

CARS & DRIVING



Where is the safest place for a young child to ride in a car?

- A** In the back seat, in the right car seat
- B** In the front seat, in a car seat
- C** On an adult's lap in the back seat

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

#973

SESK.INFO

STRAIGHT FACE
Why do car seats never get lost? They always stay in their lane!

A In the back seat, in the right car seat
WHY Children are safest in the back seat in a restraint that fits their age and size. Never put a rear-facing car seat in front of an active air bag.

CARS & DRIVING



In most states, what is the legal blood alcohol (BAC) limit for drivers 21 and older?

- A 0.10 percent
- B 0.02 percent
- C 0.08 percent

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

#974

SESK.INFO

STRAIGHT FACE
What kind of car does a sheep like to drive? A Lamborghini!

C 0.08 percent
WHY Forty-nine states and DC make it a crime to drive at 0.08 BAC or higher. Utah's limit is 0.05. You can still be charged below the limit if alcohol affects your driving.

CARS & DRIVING



What is the alcohol limit for drivers under 21 in most states?

- A 0.08 percent, same as adults
- B 0.02 percent or lower
- C 0.05 percent

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

#975

SESK.INFO

STRAIGHT FACE
Where do cars go swimming? At the car pool!

B 0.02 percent or lower
WHY All 50 states ban drivers under 21 from driving with any detectable alcohol. Most set the line at 0.02 BAC, and some set it lower, like California at 0.01.

CARS & DRIVING



What does implied consent mean when you drive?

- A You agree to alcohol or drug testing
- B You agree to a search of your car
- C You agree to never drink alcohol

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

#976

SESK.INFO

STRAIGHT FACE
Why was the driver's license so agreeable? It had implied consent to everything!

A You agree to alcohol or drug testing
WHY By driving, you are treated as having agreed to a breath, blood or urine test if an officer suspects impaired driving. Refusing usually means losing your license.

CARS & DRIVING



Which of these is the most alarming driving distraction?

- A Listening to music
- B Talking with a passenger
- C Texting

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

#977

SESK.INFO

STRAIGHT FACE
Why did the phone go to driving school? To stop being a distracted driver!

C Texting
WHY Sending or reading a text takes your eyes off the road for at least 5 seconds. At 55 mph, that is like driving the length of a football field with your eyes closed.

CARS & DRIVING



What should you do if you feel drowsy while driving?

- A** Turn up the radio and keep going
- B** Pull off somewhere safe and take a short nap
- C** Open the windows and keep going

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

#978

SESK.INFO

STRAIGHT FACE
Why did the car need a nap? It was feeling a little tired!

B Pull off somewhere safe and take a short nap
WHY The radio, open windows and other tricks will not keep you awake. Find a safe place away from traffic and take a 15 to 45 minute nap, or switch drivers.

CARS & DRIVING



What must you do when a stopped school bus has flashing red lights?

- A** Stop and stay stopped until the red lights stop
- B** Slow down and pass carefully
- C** Pass on the left if no children are in sight

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

#979

SESK.INFO

STRAIGHT FACE
Why did the school bus get straight A's? It always stopped at the right times!

A Stop and stay stopped until the red lights stop
WHY Flashing red lights mean children are getting on or off. On a two-lane road, traffic from both directions must stop. Wait until the lights stop flashing and the bus moves or the driver signals.

CARS & DRIVING



You see a stopped emergency vehicle with flashing lights on the shoulder. What do move over laws require?

- A** Speed up to get past quickly
- B** Keep your speed and stay in your lane
- C** Move over a lane if safe, or slow down

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

#980

SESK.INFO

STRAIGHT FACE
Why did the ambulance like the driver? He always gave it some space!

C Move over a lane if safe, or slow down
WHY When you near a stopped emergency vehicle, tow truck or road work vehicle with flashing lights, move out of the lane next to it if you safely can. If you cannot, slow down.

CARS & DRIVING



In California, Tennessee and many other states, how much room must you give a bicyclist when passing?

- A** At least 1 foot
- B** At least 3 feet
- C** At least 10 feet

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

#981

SESK.INFO

STRAIGHT FACE
What did the bike say to the car? Let's share the road!

B At least 3 feet
WHY Air from a passing car can push a bike off balance. Many states require at least 3 feet, and if you cannot give that much room, wait to pass.

CARS & DRIVING



What are the No Zones around large trucks?

- A** Blind spots where the truck driver cannot see you
- B** Areas where trucks can stop quickly
- C** Truck loading zones

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

#982

SESK.INFO

Why do trucks have such big mirrors? So they can see all the cars hiding in their No Zones!

STRAIGHT FACE

A Blind spots where the truck driver cannot see you
WHY Large trucks have big blind spots in front, beside and behind them. If you cannot see the truck's side mirrors, the truck driver cannot see you.

CARS & DRIVING



When must you have your headlights on?

- A** Only after midnight
- B** Only on highways
- C** At night and whenever it is hard to see

FLIP FOR THE ANSWER

#983

SESK.INFO

Why do headlights always win at hide and seek? They are great at spotting things!

STRAIGHT FACE

C At night and whenever it is hard to see
WHY In states like California and New York, headlights must be on from 30 minutes after sunset to 30 minutes before sunrise, and in rain, fog or snow when you use your wipers.



