

the invention of the traffic light

Lester Wire was credited with the invention of the electric traffic light in 1912 in Salt Lake City, Utah. Garrett Morgan, an African-American inventor, also developed a traffic signaling system, and was one of the first people to get a patent for a traffic light.

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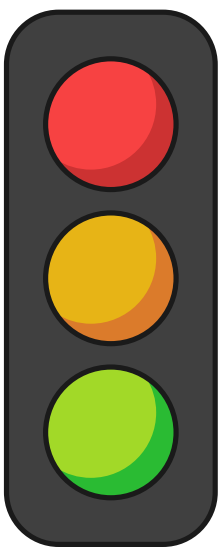
In 1912, a policeman named Lester Wire developed the first electric traffic light in Salt Lake City, Utah. Later in 1920, the first four-way, a three-colour traffic light, was created by police officer William Potts in Detroit, Michigan.

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Light cycles

Traffic lights change their colors in the same order every time. In most English-speaking countries, traffic lights usually change in this order:



Red light on

This tells drivers to stop.

Yellow light on

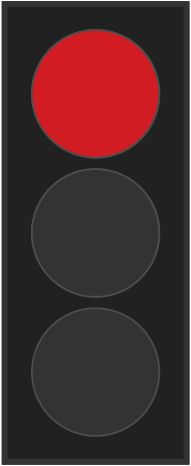
This means the driver can start driving or keep driving.

Green light on

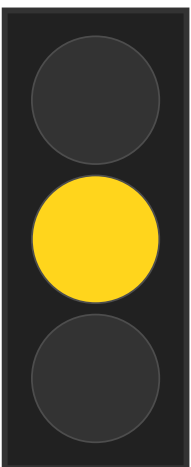
This tells drivers to stop when it is safe to, because the light is about to turn red.

READ AND PRACTICE THE RHYME

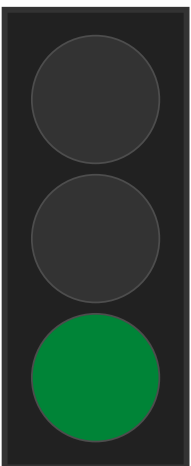
Traffic light



Red light, red light
What do you say?
I say stopstop
Right away.

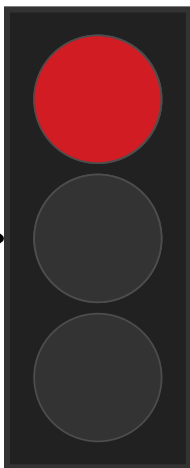


Yellow light, yellow light
What do you say?
I say wait-wait
Right away

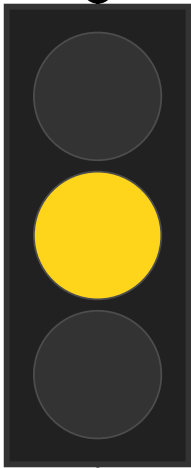


Green light, green light
What do you say?
I say go go
Go away.

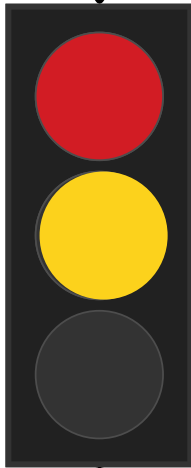




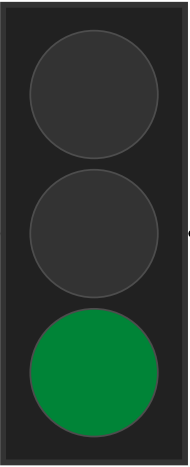
Red: stop and wait
behind the stop line.



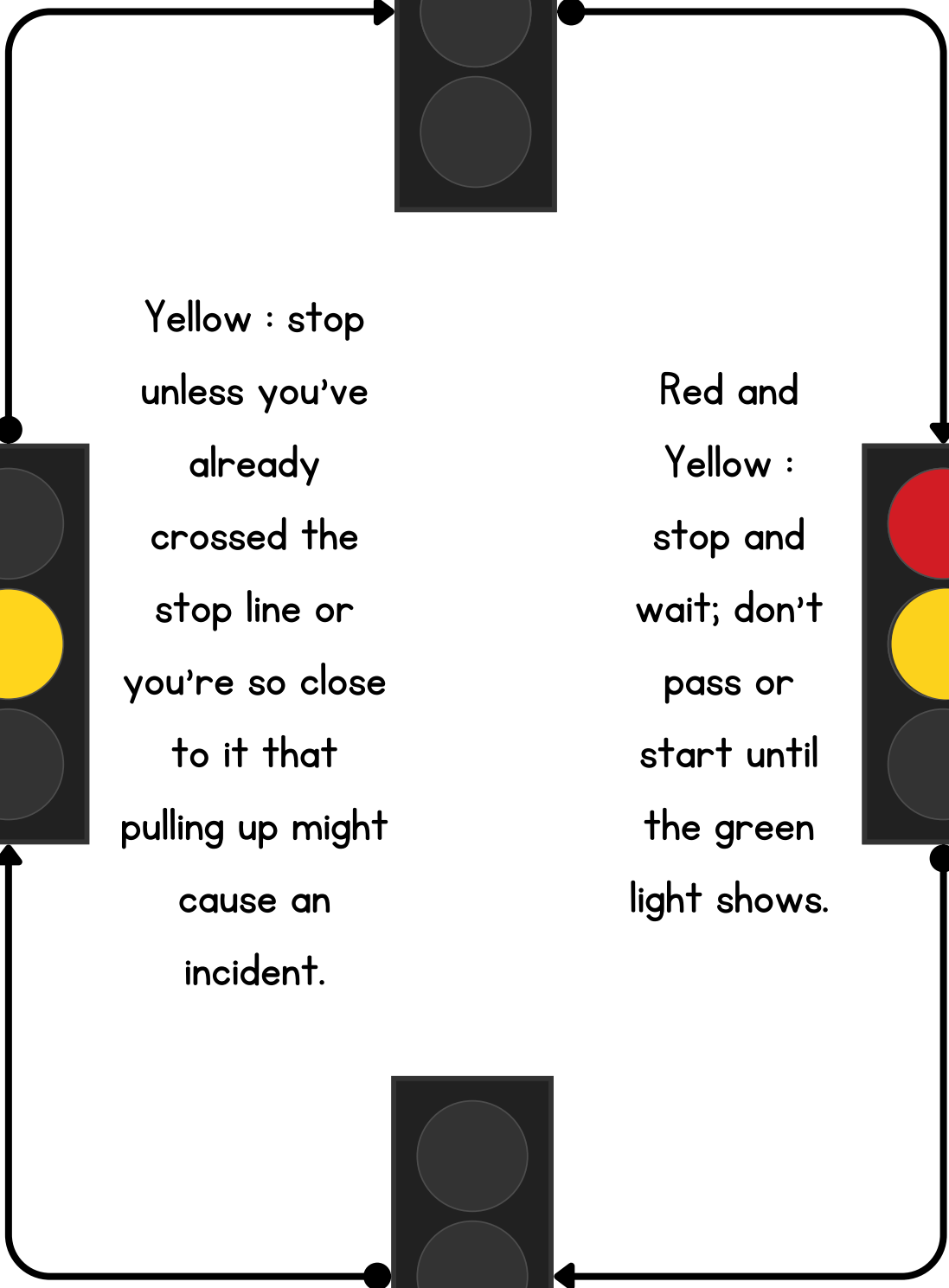
Yellow : stop
unless you've
already
crossed the
stop line or
you're so close
to it that
pulling up might
cause an
incident.



Red and
Yellow :
stop and
wait; don't
pass or
start until
the green
light shows.



Green: go, if the way
is clear.

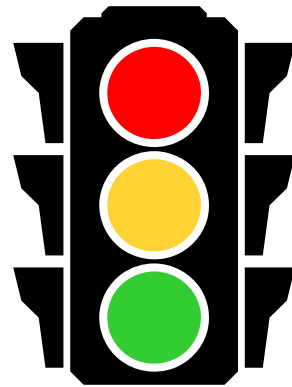


Road Safety Word

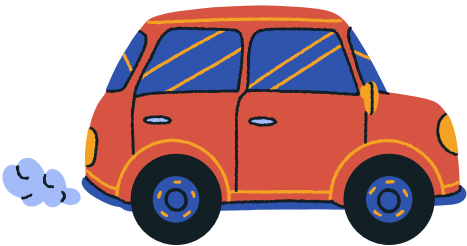
Road



traffic lights



Car



Pelican crossing



Walk



don't walk



Road Safety Word

Zebra crossing



Belisha beacon



lollipop person



stop



give way

speed limit (30)

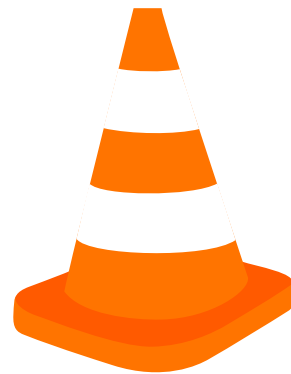


Road Safety Word

Speed hump



Cone



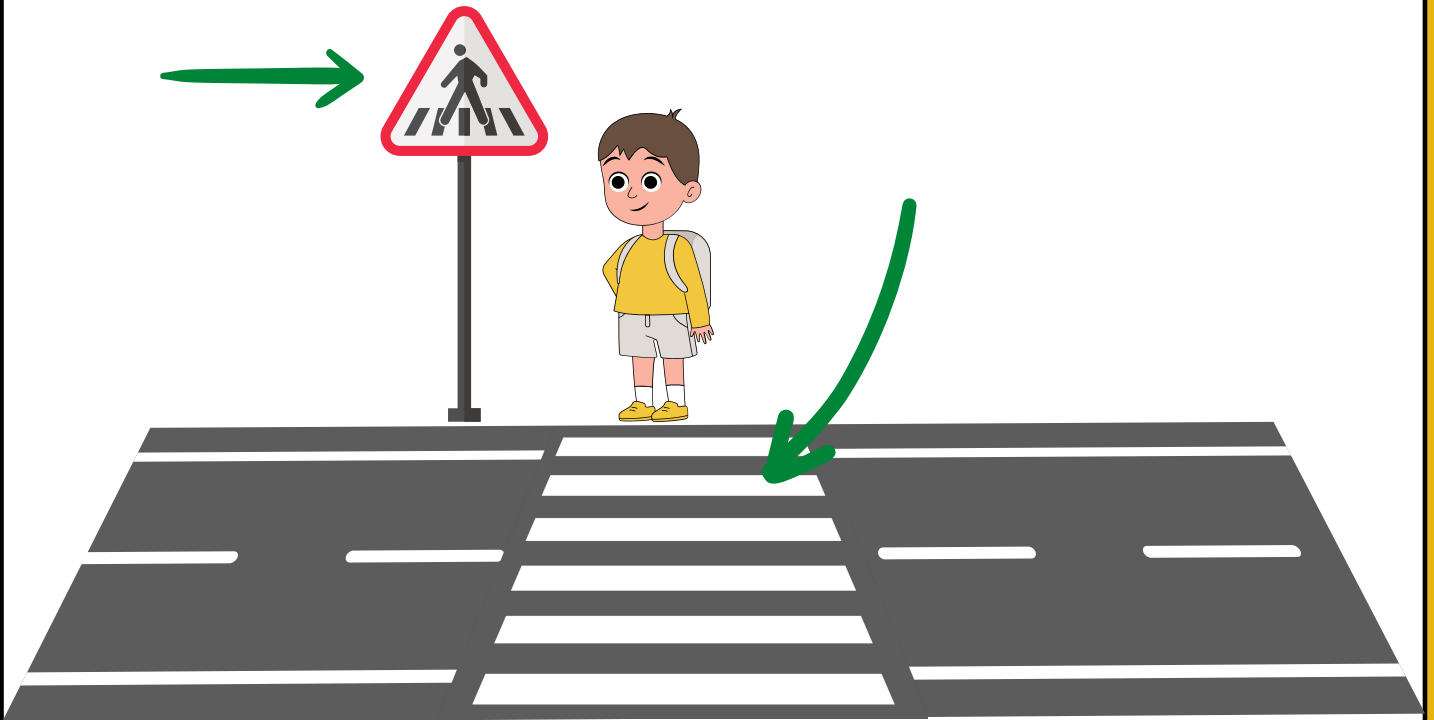
Pedestrians
crossing



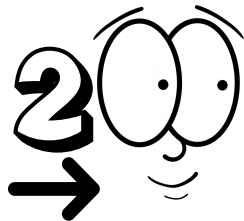
Warning for
pedestrians



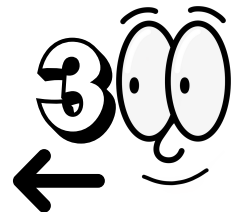
This is how I cross the road!



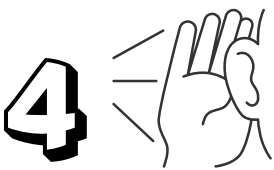
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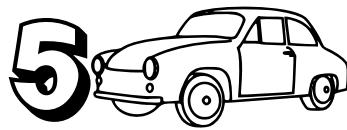
Look Left



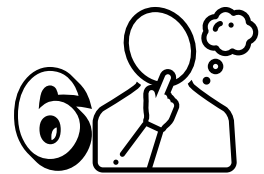
Look Right



Listen



Look for Cars



Wait and Think



Do Not Run into Road



If No Cars



Go

Road safety guidelines

Stop And Look

Stop and look, listen, too,

Before you cross the street.

Think about the safety rules,

Before you move your feet!

Stop and look, listen, too,

Think before you walk.

Stay alert and cross the
street,

Then walk on down the block!



Traffic light



Colour the traffic light



The red light says

The light says WAIT

The green light says

WHAT DO You Do?



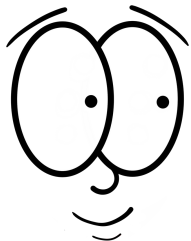
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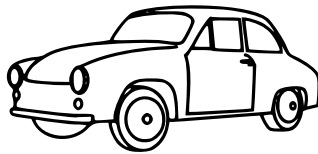
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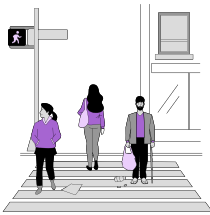
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Match things That Go Together



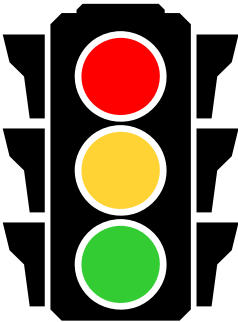
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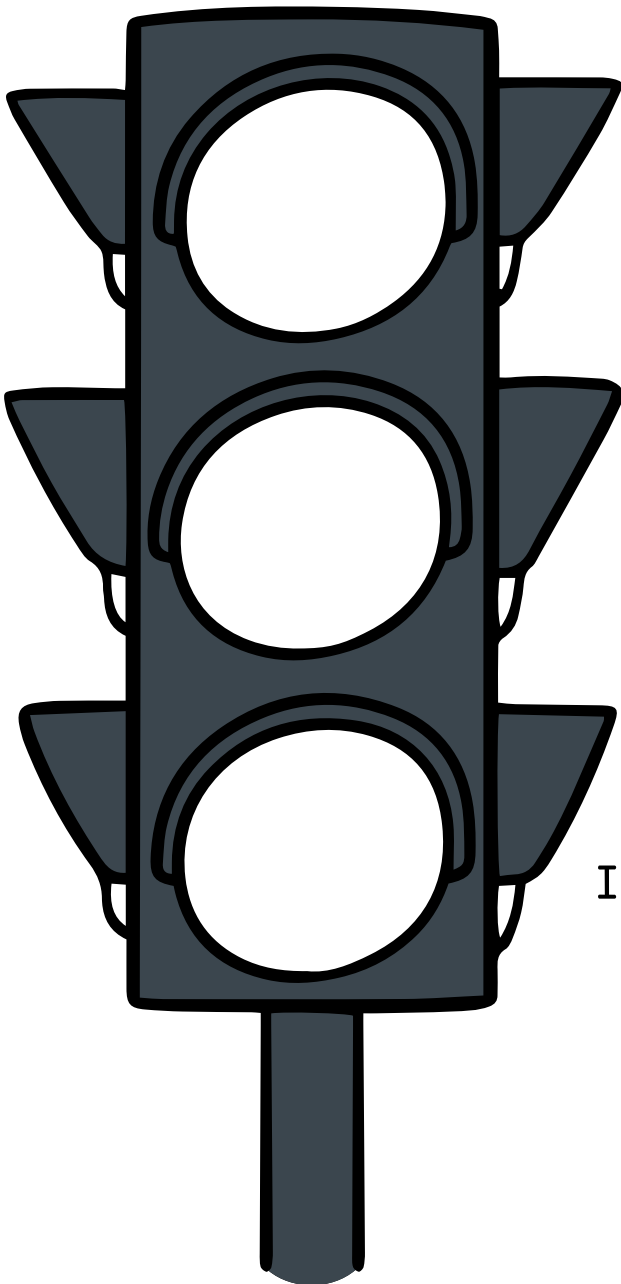
● lollipop person



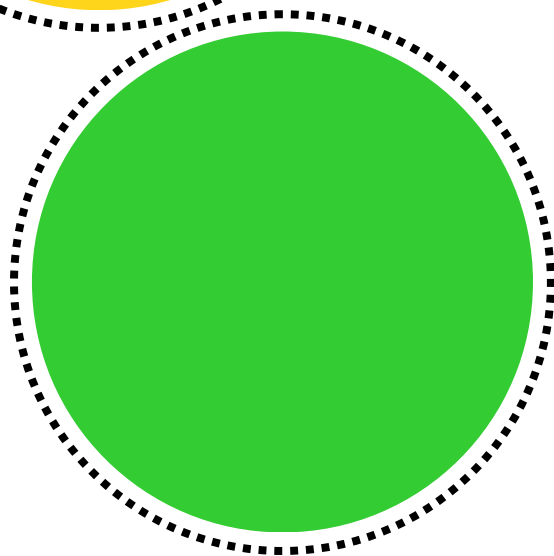
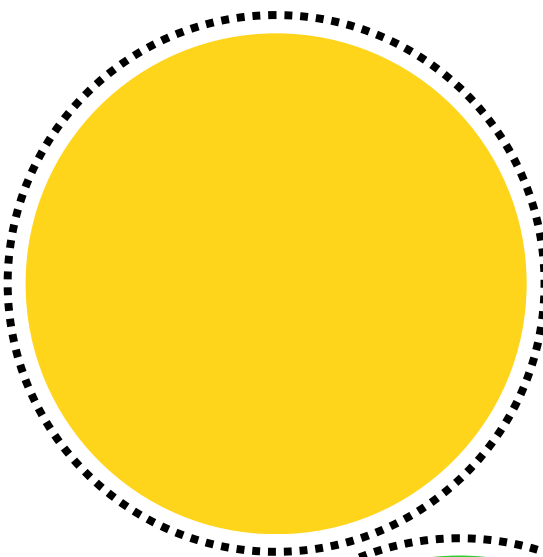
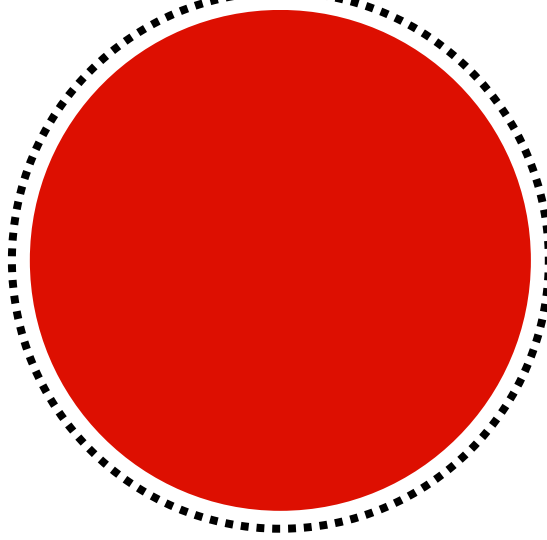
● give way

Traffic Light Safety Signs

Learn how to read a traffic light! Color the circles on the traffic light red, yellow or green to match their word meanings. Complete the sentences by writing the correct word color from the traffic light.



- I will to cross the street until the traffic light turns
- If the traffic light is
I wait until the light turns green to cross the street.
- When the traffic light is
I wait until the traffic light burns green to cross the street.



Stop Go Wait