

THE SAFETY CORNER

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So, what's your sign?

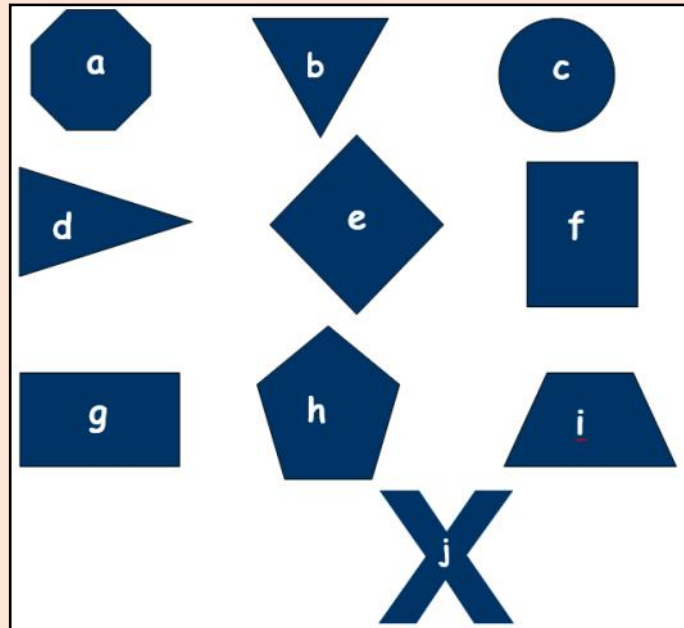
Yes, Karen is a Gemini and Tom is an Aires...but that's not what we're talking about here. J Signs are all around us. The way they are designed they can give us key messages without even reading them...they color, shape, size, height and of course the legend/message all convey a piece.

So, let's test that theory with this month's *Read Your Road Challenge Questions*... we're going with more questions, less babble as it's too hot out there for all that hot air!

1. What feature does the driver recognize first?
 - a. Color
 - b. Shape
 - c. Size
 - d. Legend

For the following sign shapes, what type of message is it conveying?

(Answers are later in the newsletter!)



With only one feature of a sign, you are able to pick up on quite a bit to help you read your road better. Hope you were in good shape to know what your sign is! Remember, highway safety depends on you! Whether you are a driver, passenger, or pedestrian, be observant and be adaptable to be safe!

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Read Your Road Challenge Question Answers:

1. B. Shape. It's true....think about when you are driving and your eyesight might not be the greatest or the sun is in your eyes...will you be able to read the legend? See the color? Not always...but you'll be able to tell the shape.
2.
 - a. Stop Sign (it's the only thing an octagon can mean)
 - b. Yield (it's also the only sign a triangle with one point down can mean)
 - c. Grade Crossing Advanced Warning (yep, it's the only sign a circle can mean)
 - d. No Passing (yepper, this too, the only thing a pennant shape long side horizontal can mean)
 - e. Warning sign...it can be all kinds of warnings (except those already mentioned)
 - f. These are flexible...a vertical rectangle could be a regulatory sign (i.e. speed limit), warning sign (chevron, speed advisory, etc), or a guide signs (exit sign, park and ride lot, etc)
 - g. These too are flexible...a horizontal rectangle could be regulatory (i.e., 4-way top), warning (i.e., horizontal alignment signs aka arrow ☺), or guide signs (street names, motorist services, etc)
 - h. School Advanced Warning sign. If the bottom corners are tapered, then it is also a county route sign.
 - i. Did this one cause you to think? It's for recreational and cultural interests' signs and the national forest route signs. You'll see these on federal lands and recreational areas. They could also be part of a trapezoid too. See below example.
 - j. X marks the spot of a Rail-highway Grade crossing. The cross buck is only used as grade crossing.



*Optional shape

So, food for thought...why are some sign shapes exclusive use and others multiple use? Come to the meeting to find out!



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