

Show Me, Tell Me Questions

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Show Me Questions (asked whilst you are driving)

When it is safe to do so, can you show me how you wash and clean the rear windscreen?	Operate relevant control to wash and wipe rear windscreen
When it is safe to do so, can you show me how you wash and clean the front windscreen?	Operate relevant control to wash and wipe front windscreen
When it is safe to do so, can you show me how you would switch on your dipped headlights?	Operate relevant switch
When it is safe to do so, can you show me how you would set the rear demister?	Operate switch to heat rear screen
When it is safe to do so, can you show me how you would operate the horn?	Check is carried out by using control
When it is safe to do so, can you show me how you would demist the front windscreen?	Set all relevant controls including fan, temperature, air direction / source and heated screen
When it is safe to do so, can you show me how you would open and close the side window?	Operate relevant control on driver's door

Tell Me Questions (asked before you start driving)

Tell me how you would check that the brakes are working before starting a journey	Brakes should not feel spongy or slack. Brakes should be tested as you set off. Vehicle should not pull to one side.
Tell me where you would find the information for the recommended tyre pressures for this car and how the tyre pressures should be checked	Tyre pressure information is provided in the manufacturer's guide. Use a reliable tyre pressure gauge to check and adjust pressures when the tyres are cold. Don't forget the spare tyre and remember to refit the valve caps.
Tell me how you would make sure your head restraint is correctly adjusted so it provides the best protection in the event of a crash	The head restraint should be adjusted so that the rigid part of the head restraint is at least as high as the eye or top of the ears, and as close to the back of the head as is comfortable. Some head restraints might not be adjustable.
Tell me how you would check the tyres to ensure that they have sufficient tread depth and that their general condition is safe to use on the road.	No cuts or bulges, 1.6mm of tread depth across the central three-quarters of the breadth of the tyre and around the entire outer circumference of the tyre.
Tell me how you would check that the headlights and tail lights are working. You do not need to exit the vehicle	Explain you would operate the switch (turn on ignition), then walk around the vehicle (as it's a 'tell me' question, you don't need to physically check the lights)
Tell me how you'd know if there was a problem with your anti-lock braking system	Warning light should illuminate if there is a fault with the anti-lock braking system.
Tell me how you would check the direction indicators are working. You don't need to exit the vehicle	Explain you would operate the switch and then walk around the vehicle (as it's a 'tell me' question, you don't need to physically check the lights)
Tell me how you would check the brake lights are working on this car	Explain you would operate the brake pedal, make use of reflections in windows or doors, or ask somebody to help.

<p>Tell me how you would check the power-assisted steering is working before starting a journey</p>	<p>If steering becomes heavy, the system may not be working properly. Before starting a journey, 2 simple checks can be made:</p> <p>Gentle pressure on the steering wheel, maintained while the engine is started, should result in a slight but noticeable movement as the system begins to operate.</p> <p>Alternatively, turning the steering when just after moving off will give an immediate indication that the power assistance is functioning.</p>
<p>Tell me how you would switch the rear fog light(s) on and explain when you would use it / them. You don't need to exit the vehicle.</p>	<p>Operate switch (turn on ignition and headlights). Check warning light is on. Explain you would use them in foggy conditions, when visibility is less than 100 meters.</p>
<p>Tell me how you switch your headlights from dipped to main beam and explain how you would know the main beam is on.</p>	<p>Operate switch (with ignition or engine on if necessary), check with the main beam warning light</p>
<p>Tell me how you would check the engine has sufficient oil</p>	<p>Identify dipstick / oil level indicator, describe check of oil level against the minimum and maximum markers.</p>
<p>Tell me how you would check the engine has sufficient engine coolant</p>	<p>Identify minimum and maximum level markings on header tank, and describe how to top it up to correct level.</p>
<p>Tell me how you would check that you have a safe level of hydraulic brake fluid</p>	<p>Identify reservoir, check level against minimum and maximum marking.</p>

Documents to bring with you to test:

- Provisional driving licence
- Theory pass certificate
- Booking confirmation (copy on phone would be sufficient)