

Driving Lesson Schedule

Martin confirmed the following driving appointments for the week:

Student	Date & Time	Location/Notes
Patrick	Tuesday, October 6 at 12:30	Same place as last time
Emmanuel	Monday, October 5 at 10:00 AM	Trebon
Laurine	Friday, October 9 at 8:00 AM	Meet at bus station
Sadia	Thursday, October 8 at 9:30 AM	Send message if at bus station for pickup

Theory Topics Covered

1. Roundabout Rules

Key Roundabout Principles

- **Entering:** Do NOT indicate when entering a roundabout
- **Positioning:** Position your vehicle close to the roundabout border (not 2-3 meters away)
- **Right of way:** Watch the **right indicator** of vehicles already on the roundabout — if indicating right (to exit), you can proceed
- **Exiting:** Indicate right when exiting, but time it correctly (not too early, not too late)
- **Speed approach:** Prepare early by decreasing speed, shifting to second gear, and being ready to stop or continue

Common mistakes Martin highlighted:

- Students looking at the car but not checking its indicator
- Positioning too far from the roundabout border, wasting time and missing opportunities to enter safely

2. Indicating at Intersections

When to indicate:

- When the road is "bended" (changes direction significantly)
- When turning at intersections where the direction change is clear

When NOT to indicate:

- When following the main road **if there is another street on the same side** — this is the exception
- The presence of a street on the same side means you're essentially going "straight" relative to that layout

Important: This rule caused confusion during the session. The key is understanding that if another street exists on the same side as your path, you don't indicate because you're not making a distinct turn from the perspective of other drivers.

3. Main Road Sign Validity

Martin emphasized a critical concept: **main road signs are only valid for ONE intersection.**

- After each intersection, check for a new main road sign
- If no priority sign appears after an intersection, default to "give way to the right"
- Example shown: A road in Ceske Budejovice where the main road status changes every few meters

Practical Impact: You might have priority at one intersection, then immediately need to give way at the next intersection just 5 meters away if there's no new main road sign.

4. Give Way Rules (Without Priority Signs)

At intersections **without priority traffic signs**:

1. Give way to vehicles coming from your **right side**
2. If turning **left**, give way to **oncoming traffic**

These rules apply even on one-way streets when there are no priority signs at intersections.

Exam Tip: When giving way to the right, make your behavior clear to the examiner — slow down visibly, turn your head to check the right side, then continue smoothly without hard braking.

5. Restriction Signs

No Entry Signs

Sign Type	Meaning	Notes
Red circle with white horizontal bar	No entry for ALL vehicles in ALL directions	Includes bicycles — no exceptions
Red circle with white horizontal bar (directional)	No entry in ONE direction only	Indicates one-way street from opposite direction
Red circle with TWO symbols inside	No entry for all vehicles with engines	Includes cars, motorcycles, trucks, tractors, buses — but bicycles CAN enter
Red circle with THREE specific symbols	No entry only for those specific vehicle types	Other vehicles can enter

Speed Limit Signs

How speed limits END (three ways):

1. **Explicit end sign:** Gray circle with speed crossed out, or "end of all restrictions" sign, or a new different speed limit
2. **At intersections:** All speed limit restrictions end at the next intersection (unless renewed)
3. **City/village boundaries:** Speed limits end when entering or leaving a city/village (marked by city name signs)

Example from Trebon: A 70 km/h limit within city boundaries (higher than the default 50 km/h urban limit). This 70 limit ends at each intersection unless renewed with another 70 sign. When leaving the city, you can immediately go to 90 km/h (rural default) without needing an explicit "end of 70" sign.

No Overtaking Sign

- Forbids overtaking **cars, trucks, buses, and tractors**
- **Exception:** You CAN overtake bicycles and motorcycles
- This restriction ends at the next intersection (like all restriction signs except speed limits which end in three ways)

6. Two-Way Traffic Warning

This warning sign is used when a **one-way road transitions to two-way traffic** (typically when a divided road merges into a single roadway, such as entering a forest area).

Resources & Next Session

Martin reminded students about resources available on his website:

- Meeting recordings and summaries will be posted
- Video guide (~15 minutes) showing complicated driving situations in Trebon with English subtitles
- Access via: Website → Autoscola → "Do you need advice?"

Next Theory Session: Saturday, October 10 at 8:00 AM¹

Note: Patrick will be working but can review the recording and summary later.¹