

EVERY CROSSING, EVERY TIME.

STUDENT ASSESSMENT

1. What does a Crossbuck sign mean?
 - a. Stop
 - b. Yield
 - c. One Way
 - d. Do not enter
2. What are some of the other signs you might see at a crossing?
 - a. An ENS sign
 - b. A DO NOT STOP ON TRACKS sign
 - c. A Multiple Tracks sign
 - d. All of the above
3. An average freight train traveling 55 miles an hour takes a mile or more to stop. Which of these is equal in length to a mile?
 - a. 18 football fields
 - b. 15 city blocks
 - c. 22 runs around a baseball diamond
 - d. All of the above
4. When you come up to a railroad crossing, how can you tell if you have enough room to safely clear the crossing?
 - a. There's always enough room. Crossings are designed that way.
 - b. You must get out of the truck and measure.
 - c. Know the length of your truck. Then remember that you should add 15 feet between your rear bumper and the farthest rail.
 - d. Add 5 feet to the length of your cab and trailer.
5. Why is it hard to tell the speed of a train approaching a crossing?
 - a. Trains can change speeds suddenly.
 - b. An optical illusion makes the train seem farther away and appear to move more slowly than it actually is.
 - c. A train's headlights don't shine at the same time.
 - d. Truck cabs are high off the ground.
6. What does this sign mean?
 - a. The truck broke in two.
 - b. The driver has an injured back.
 - c. This is a high-profile, high centered crossing.
 - d. Lightning struck the truck.
7. When approaching a railroad crossing with a crossbuck, but no gate or flashing lights, what should you do?
 - a. Crank up the radio.
 - b. Speed up.
 - c. Slow down, look and listen for a train. Be prepared to stop.
 - d. Hazmat vehicles should slowly go through the crossing.
8. If you happen to cross the tracks when the warning lights begin to flash at the crossing, what should you do?
 - a. Stop.
 - b. Back up.
 - c. Get out and lift the gate.
 - d. Keep moving. Proceed across and clear all tracks.
9. Your truck gets stuck on the crossing. What safety measures should you take? List in order #1-4:
 - _____ 1. Look for the Blue and White Emergency Notification System (ENS) sign.
 - _____ 2. Give the Crossing ID number. This number is unique at every crossing.
 - _____ 3. Get out of the vehicle and get away from the track!
 - _____ 4. Call the number for the railroad located on the Blue and White Emergency Notification System sign.



10. You're stuck at a railroad crossing. You see the train coming and get out of your vehicle. Why is it best to move toward the train (if you see it), but at a 45-degree angle away from the tracks?
- You will avoid debris.
 - The impact will occur at the crossing, while you are in the opposite direction.
 - It can take a mile or more for the average train to stop, so the truck will be pushed down the tracks, away from the crossing.
 - All of the above.
11. When will a driver who is required to have a commercial driver's license be disqualified from operating a commercial motor vehicle for 60 days?
- When a commercial driver fails to slow down and check that the tracks are clear of an approaching train.
 - When a driver who is not required to stop sees a train and doesn't stop before reaching the crossing.
 - When a driver who is always required to stop (for example, a hazmat carrier) fails to stop before reaching the crossing.
 - Each of the above.
12. You see an Advance Warning sign. What should you do?
- Adjust your focus. You are nearing a railroad crossing. Be prepared to yield to a train.
 - As soon as you see the Advance Warning sign, begin coming to a full and complete stop.
 - If no train is coming, you don't need to slow down.
 - As long as you are slowed down enough to look down the tracks, you don't need to stop.

The following statements are written as TRUE or FALSE ("T or F") for completion:

13. T or F: Some trucks must always stop at railroad crossings.
14. T or F: A STOP sign at a highway rail intersection means the same thing as a stop sign at any intersection.
15. T or F: The number posted below a crossbuck shows how many tracks there are at the crossing.
16. T or F: When the gates stay down after a train has passed on a crossing with more than one set of tracks, it can mean another train is coming.
17. T or F: If your truck stalls on the tracks, stay in the cab and keep trying to move your truck.
18. T or F: If you can see a train, the train may not be able to stop in time to avoid a collision. It can take a mile or more to stop a train.
19. T or F: Every 3 hours in the United States, a person or vehicle is hit by a train.
20. You're coming up to a crossing and notice the Low Ground Clearance sign. You don't think that you will be able to clear the tracks. What should you do?
- Put your truck in high gear and try to floor it over the track.
 - Find a safe place to stop. Turn on your flashers while setting the brakes.
 - Proceed anyway. You may be able to clear the track.
 - All of the above are options.

ANSWER KEY: 1. b; 2. d; 3. a; 4. c; 5. b; 6. c; 7. c; 8. d; 9. 2; 10. 1; 11. d; 12. a; 13. T; 14. T; 15. T; 16. T; 17. F; 18. T; 19. F; 20. b.



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