

REVERSING AROUND A CORNER

1. PARK ON THE LEFT-HAND SIDE

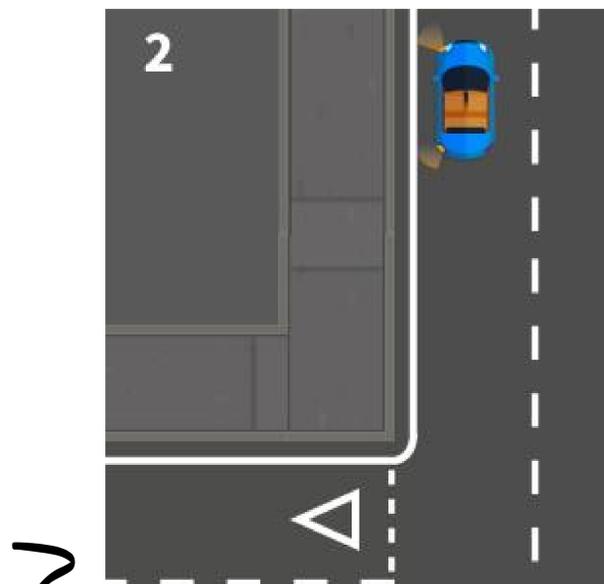
This particular step is something you would only do during your driving lessons. You'll park on the left-hand side in order to prepare for the manoeuvre.



- During the lesson, you would be asked to park up on the left-hand side of the road, not far from the junction you're intending to reverse into.
- Before you pull over, check your main mirror and left-hand mirror. Then, signal left and stop the car—applying the handbrake and selecting neutral. Don't forget to cancel your indicator.
- Once you're ready to move off, change to first gear, check your main mirror, right-hand mirror and right-hand blindspot. If it's clear, move off.
- As you're driving, you should glance quickly at the junction you intend to reverse into and make sure it's not obstructed in any way.

2. DRIVE PAST THE CORNER

Once you're sure the junction you're intending to reverse onto is clear, you need to drive past it and stop. Make use of the MSM routine to ensure it's safe.



- Timing is key here—you should only signal left once you're mostly past the junction. If you're too early, road users will think you're turning left.
- Try to get your car a bit further from the kerb than you'd normally park (to reduce your chances of hitting it). You also need to get the car parallel to the kerb and ensure the steering wheel is straight.
- Once you've stopped, cancel your indicator, apply your handbrake and then change to reverse. Other road users will now know what your intention is.
- Double-check to make sure you're parallel and not too close to the kerb. This will be vital in ensuring you complete the manoeuvre well.

3. START MOVING TO POINT OF TURN

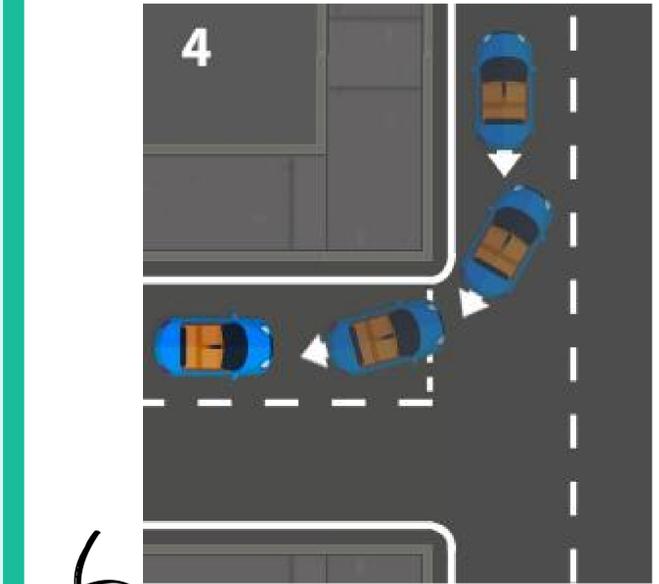
It's now time to begin the reversing part of the manoeuvre and finding your point of turn. Observation is absolutely vital here.



- Complete all-around checks before you move. If any road users are approaching, stop and wait until they pass. If stop, do your checks again.
- Now it's safe to move, you can begin reversing. Keep your gaze on the rear window. Glance towards your other windows briefly to ensure nothing else has changed.
- You need to keep your distance to the kerb, so check your left-hand mirror. You'll find it easier if you stick to a slow speed.
- Eventually, you should reach your point of turn—when the corner of the kerb is in your left-hand mirror—at which time you should stop the car.

4. REVERSE SLOWLY AROUND CORNER

Now you're finally ready to reverse around the corner. If you're facing oncoming traffic coming out of the junction, you should wait until it's clear.



- Steer towards the left. The front of your car will then swing out into the road. Check your main and side mirrors and your right-hand blindspot.
- Keep an eye on the rear window and turn the wheel. How much you turn will depend on the car and how sharp the corner is—a full turn to the left should be good to start with.
- Stick to a slow pace. Keep an eye on the kerb in your left-hand mirror. If you can't see it, you're too far away. Don't forget to do your checks.
- Once you're around the corner, get the car parallel to the kerb and straighten the wheel. Then, you can either stop or start driving.