

# **Roundabouts— Another Safe Intersection**

**An Educational Activity Book**



# Welcome!

Roundabouts are just another safe intersection. They are different than traffic signals or stop signs because they use their circular shape and yield signs to control traffic.

This activity book has been designed to introduce YOU to roundabouts. With roundabouts becoming more and more popular throughout the United States and especially in your state, you need to know how to walk and bike safely through and around them.

Enjoy the many activities in this workbook while you learn about “Roundabouts, Another Safe Intersection.”



## SafeRoutes

Oregon Safe Routes To School

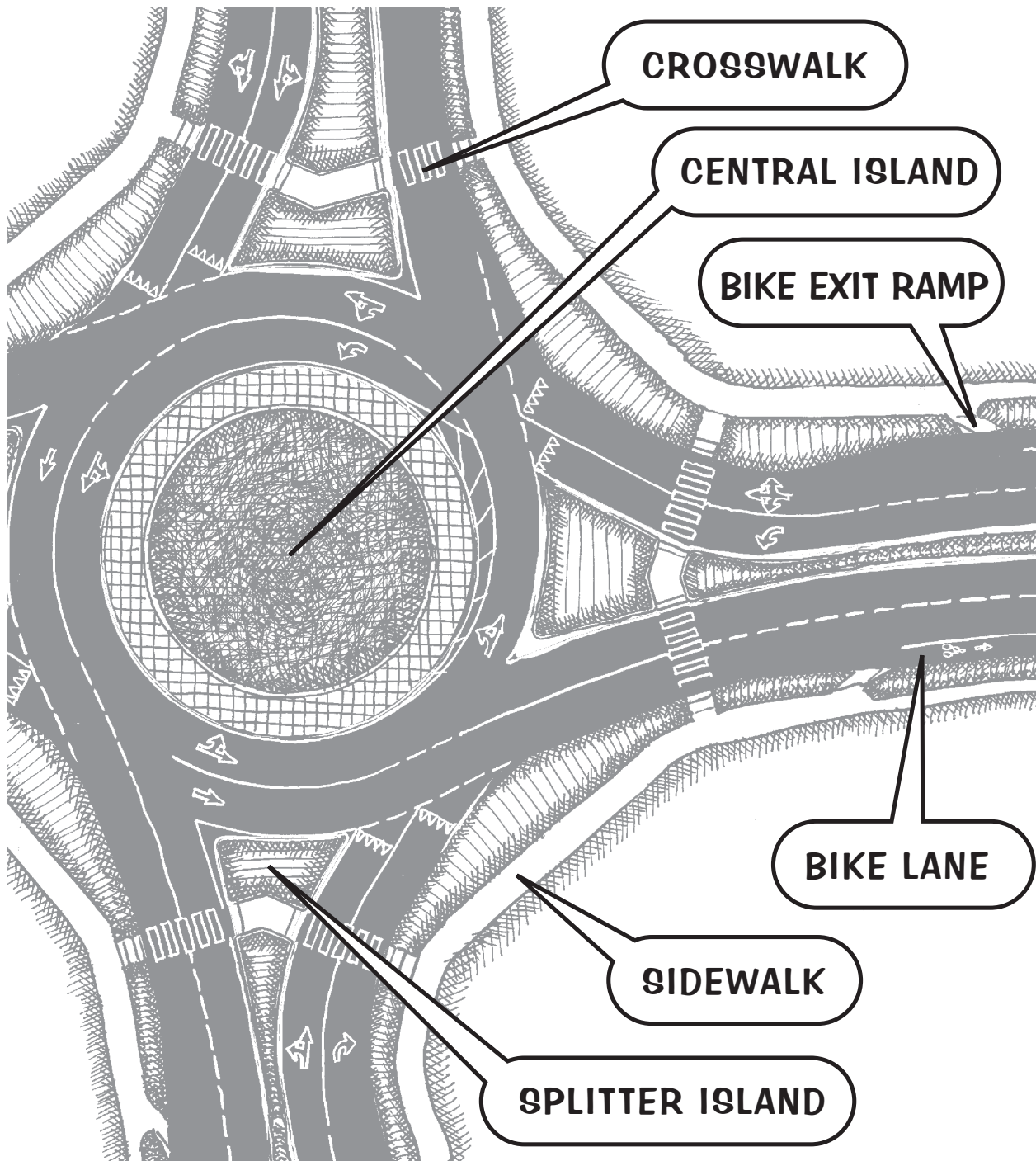


*Note for teachers and parents: a lesson guide is provided at the back of this activity book, and answers are given on the City's website: [www.ci.bend.or.us/roundabouts](http://www.ci.bend.or.us/roundabouts).*

*The targeted age group is 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders.*

Lesson 1:

# Basic Features and Their Names



Lesson 1 Practice:

# Fill in the Missing Letters

1

TT I

This pedestrian safety zone allows you to cross one direction of traffic at a time.

2

SS

Only cross the street in this.

1. Make sure drivers see you. Make eye contact!
2. Wait for drivers to stop.
3. Step off the curb only when traffic is stopped.

3

D K

This area is shared by walkers and bikers. Take care. Walk your bike, so you don't run over Moms and Grandfathers!

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BI E T R M

Roundabouts allow bikers to exit to the sidewalk to get to the crosswalks.

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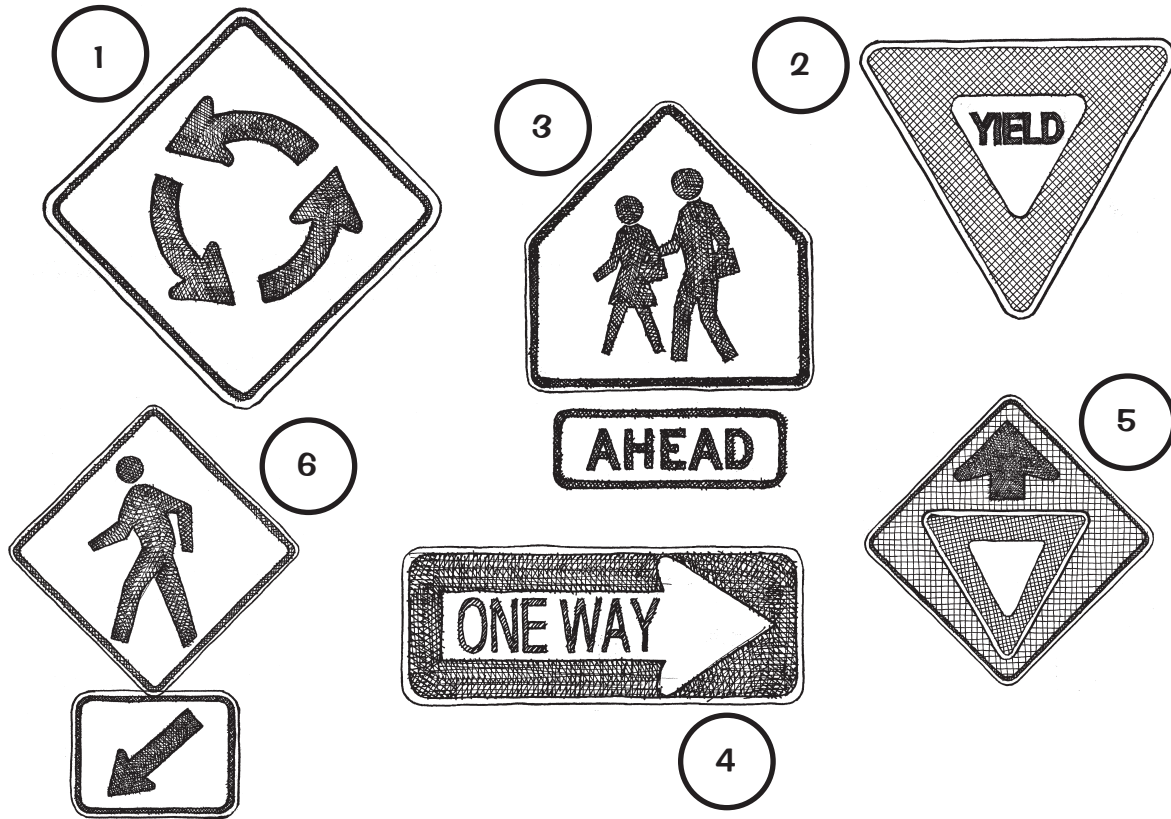
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Bikers travel in their own lane along the roadway.



# Lesson 2:

# SIGNS in the Roundabout



Fill in the sign number that matches the name and description given below

Name of Sign	Description
<input type="radio"/> School Zone	Alerts drivers they are approaching a school area and must slow down (Hint: pentagon shaped).
<input type="radio"/> Yield	Requires motorists to slow or stop to avoid other vehicles at an intersection (Hint: triangular shaped).
<input type="radio"/> Circular Intersection	Warns drivers they are approaching a circular intersection (Hint: chasing arrows).
<input type="radio"/> Pedestrian Crossing	Alerts drivers of pedestrian crossing (Hint: shows exactly where a pedestrian should cross).
<input type="radio"/> Yield Ahead	Warns drivers there is a yield ahead (Hint: square sign).
<input type="radio"/> One Way	Requires travel in one direction only (Hint: the arrow points the way).

Lesson 2 Practice:

# True or False?



You should only cross the street in the crosswalk.

**T F**



Drivers can travel in either direction when they see this One-Way sign.

**T F**



School zones require extra caution from drivers. Drivers are required to slow down in a school zone.

**T F**

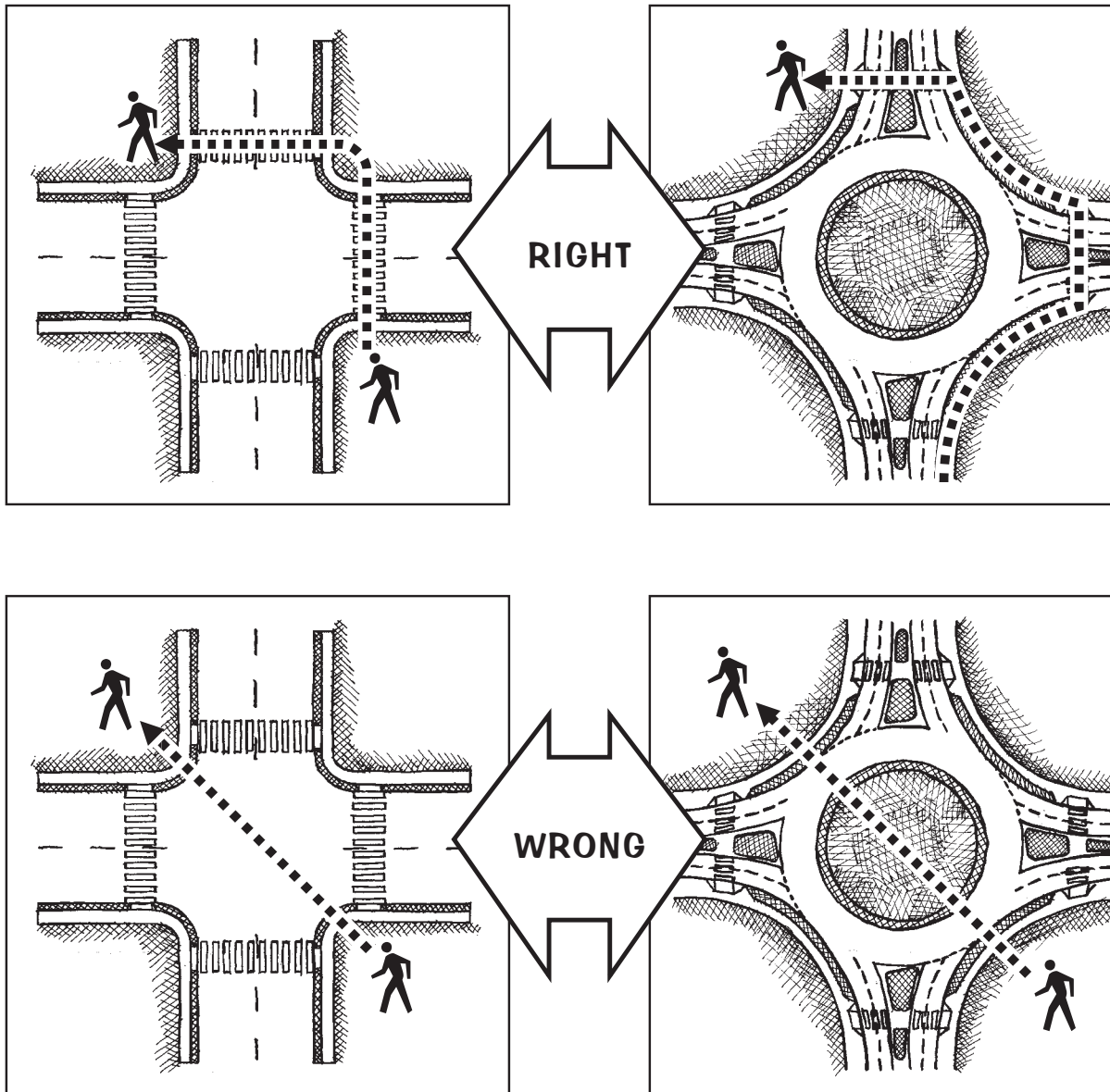


This warning sign tells drivers to prepare for the roundabout.

**T F**

**Lesson 3:**

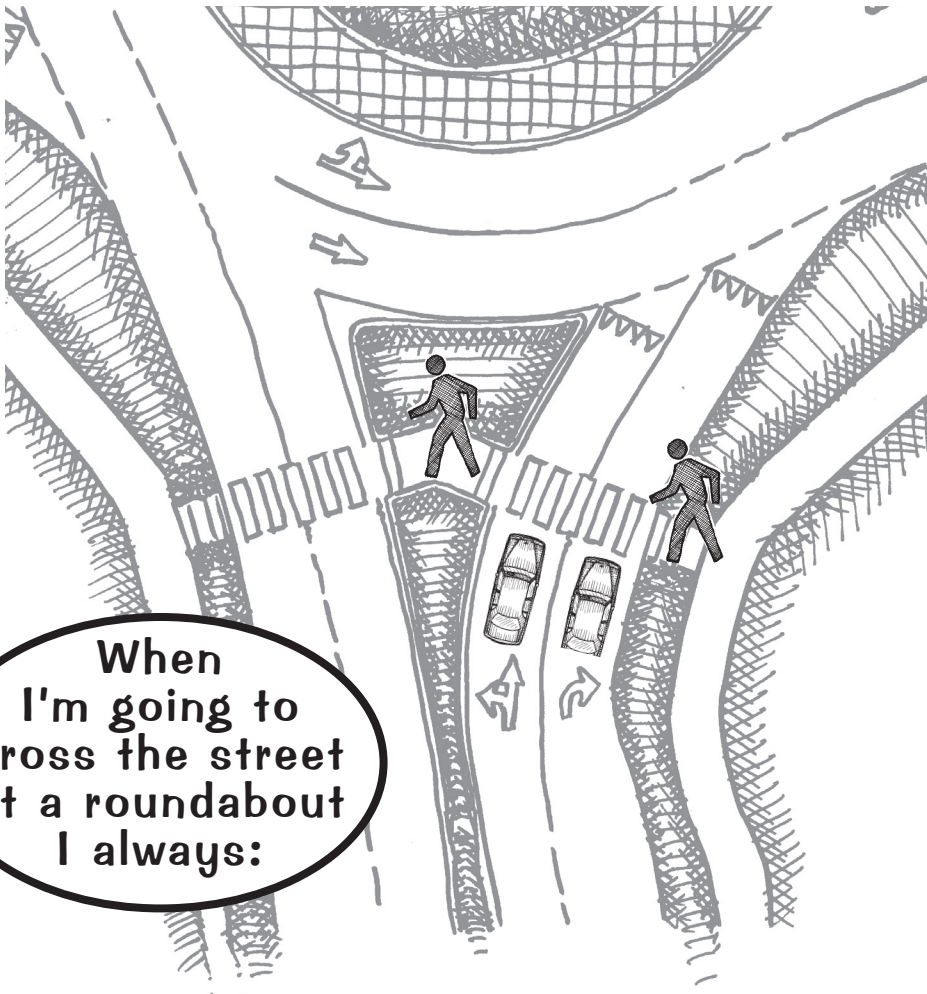
# **Pedestrians, Make Safe Choices!**



**DON'T FORGET, CROSS ONLY IN  
THE CROSSWALKS!**

**Lesson 3 Practice:**

# **Pedestrians in the Roundabout**



**When  
I'm going to  
cross the street  
at a roundabout  
I always:**



## **PUT THESE STEPS IN ORDER:**

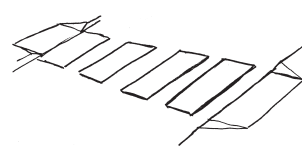






- \_\_\_\_\_ Make sure drivers see you—make eye contact with the driver!
- \_\_\_\_\_ Step off curb when traffic is stopped.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Wait for drivers to stop.
- \_\_\_\_\_ You've made it to the splitter island!
- \_\_\_\_\_ Repeat steps 1-2-3 to complete your crossing!






## Lesson 4:


# Bikes, Make Safe Choices!


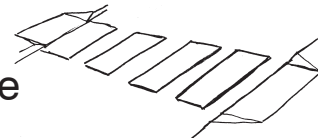


 bikes are important vehicles at roundabouts. There are special exit ramps for  bikers that lead onto the sidewalk.

Sidewalks can be crowded, so ride or walk slowly to the  crosswalk. Be polite and give  pedestrians the right of way. Don't run into  Grandma or baby brother in his  stroller. Cross with your  bike at the  crosswalk just like a  pedestrian.

1. Make sure drivers  see you—make  eye contact!

2. Wait for drivers to  Stop.

3.  step off the curb when traffic is stopped.

A good reason to walk your  bike in the  crosswalk is so drivers will have  time to  see you.

Lesson 4 Practice:

# Bicycles in the Roundabout

**END HERE**  
(Did you remember to walk your bike in the crosswalk?)

Trace  
your path  
from the bike  
lane through the  
crosswalk

This is  
You!  
**START HERE.**  
Your goal is to  
exit the bike lane  
and get to the  
crosswalk without  
running over  
anyone on the  
sidewalk.

**Lesson 5:**

# **Emergency Vehicles: Let Them Quickly Through!**

**A siren means emergency!**

**Think fast, look – where are you?**

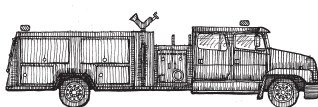
**Give them a lane, someone's in pain**

**And let them quickly through!**

**A siren means emergency!**



and



use their lights and sirens to let you know they need your help in quickly getting through!

**Think fast, look – where are you?**

Is your car within the intersection or clear of the intersection?

**Give them a lane, someone's in pain**

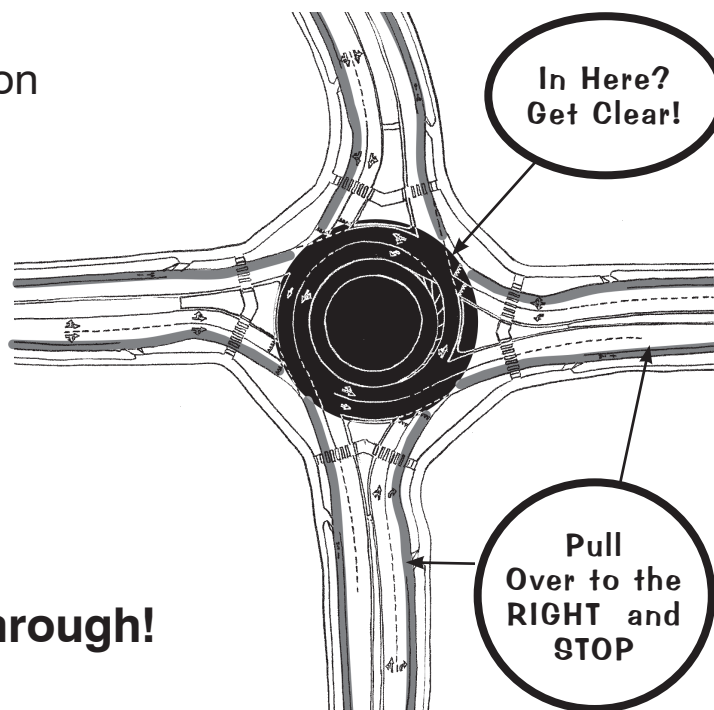
1) CLEAR the intersection

and

2) Pull over to

the RIGHT

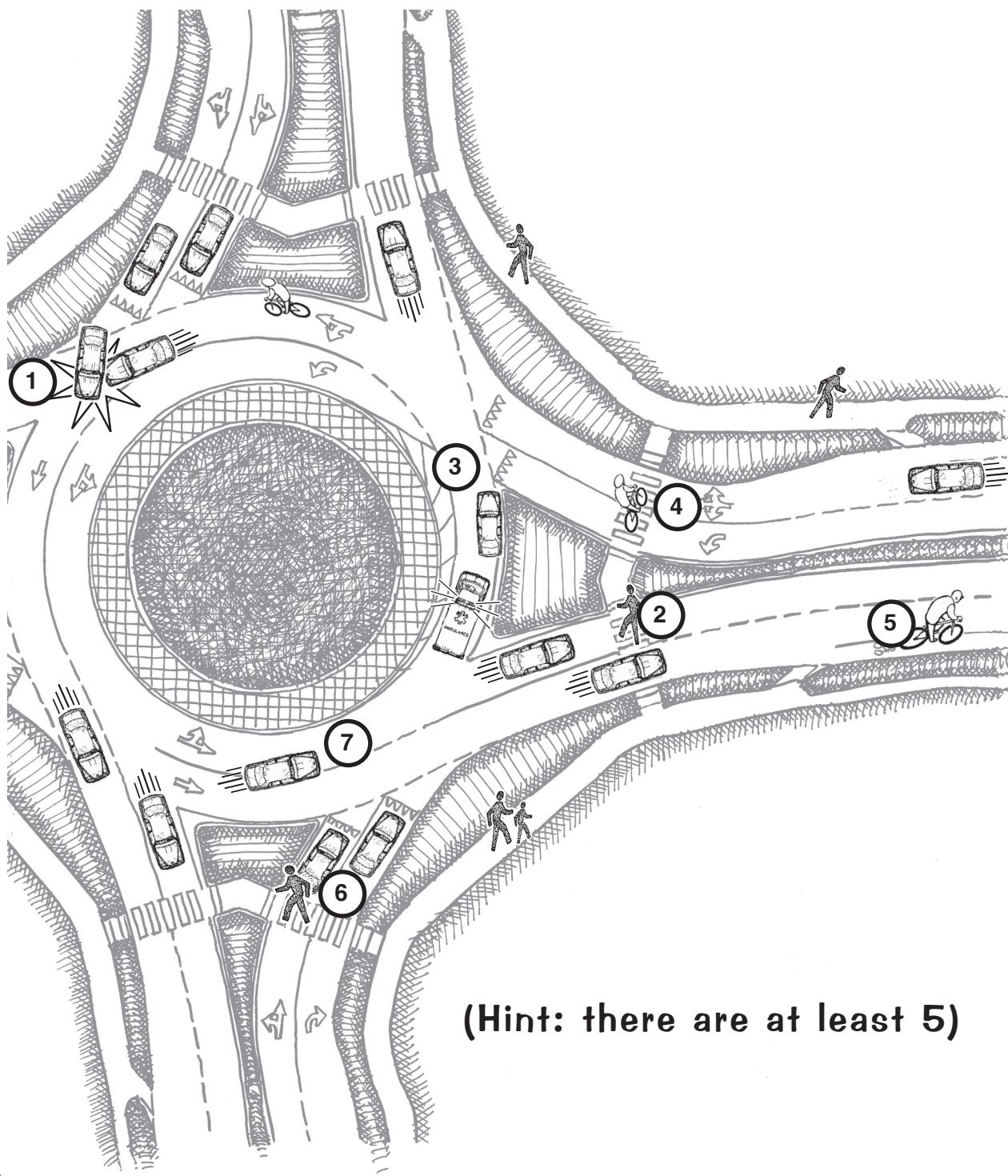
and STOP



**And let them quickly through!**

Lesson Practice 5:

# Circle All the Safety Mistakes



(Hint: there are at least 5)



# Round the Roundabout

Drive round around a roundabout  
Be safe; one lane or two.  
Stay in the lane that you arrive  
Go straight, go left or U.

A roundabout is just an intersection  
With a curve.  
Drive round around a roundabout  
Choose safely all to serve.

The traffic in the roundabout  
Has got the right of way.  
No stop signs round a roundabout  
Just yield to them, OK?

Don't crash into the other car.  
Don't cross the middle line.  
Just drive around the roundabout  
And exit when it's time.

You walk around a roundabout.  
Don't cross across, not you!  
And on a bike, just exit right  
You use the crosswalk, too!

Drive round around a roundabout.  
Be safe, you have a choice.  
Just use your head, do what we said  
And travel safe—rejoice!

Drive slow around a roundabout  
It's made that way you see,  
Just travel slow, get where you go,  
It's safe for you and me!

The roundabout is safer than  
A traffic light, it's true!  
If your choice not right,  
And bump you might,  
Injuries are few.

When trucks drive round a roundabout  
They go one at a time.  
The apron helps them circulate -  
They get to cross the lines.

A siren means emergency  
Think fast, look - where are you?  
Give them a lane, someone's in pain  
And let them quickly through.

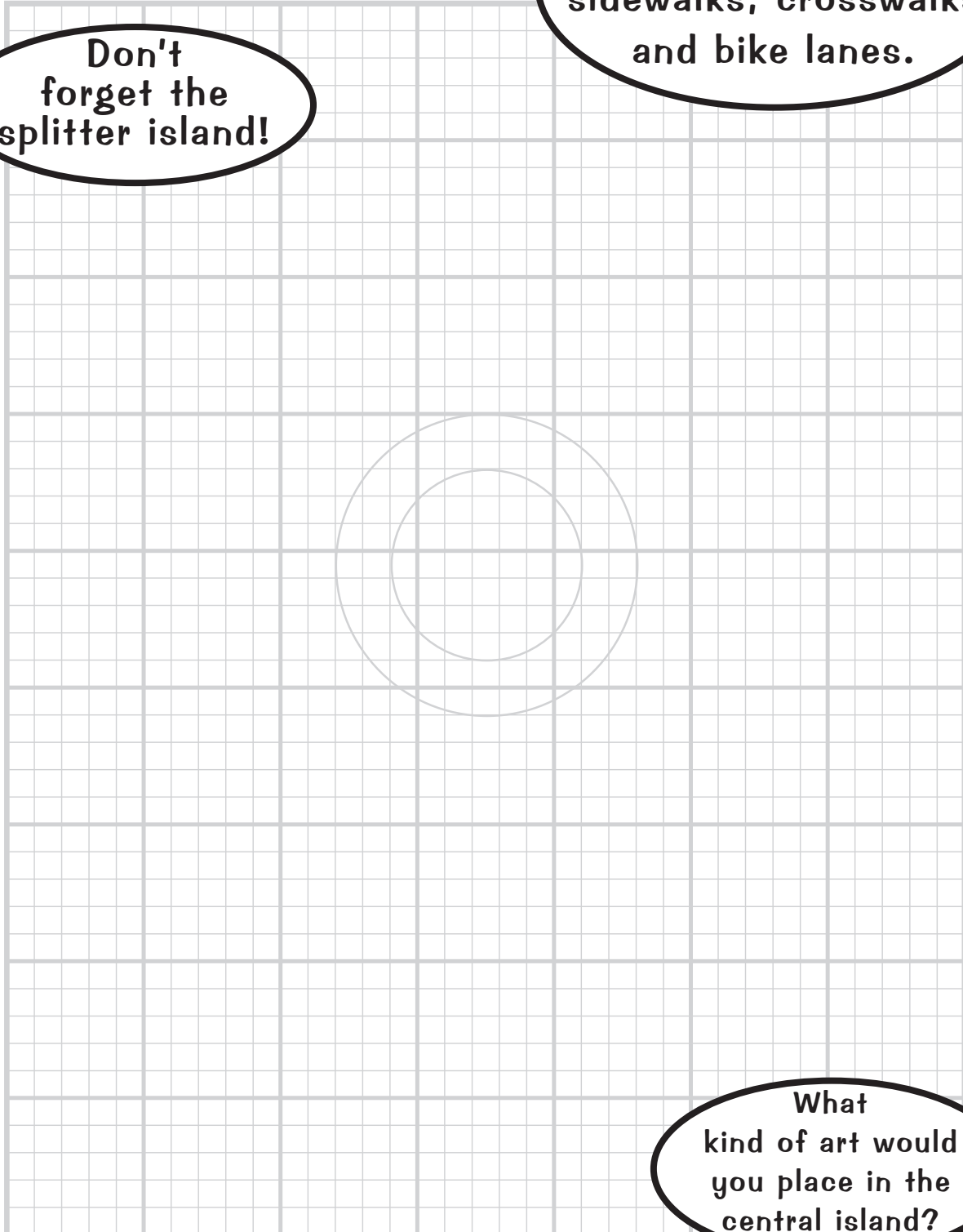
Drive round around a roundabout  
Slow down, slow down, my friend.  
From here, from there, from everywhere  
We'll roundabout again.

**Lesson 1 Quiz:**

# Draw Your Own Roundabout

Don't forget the splitter island!

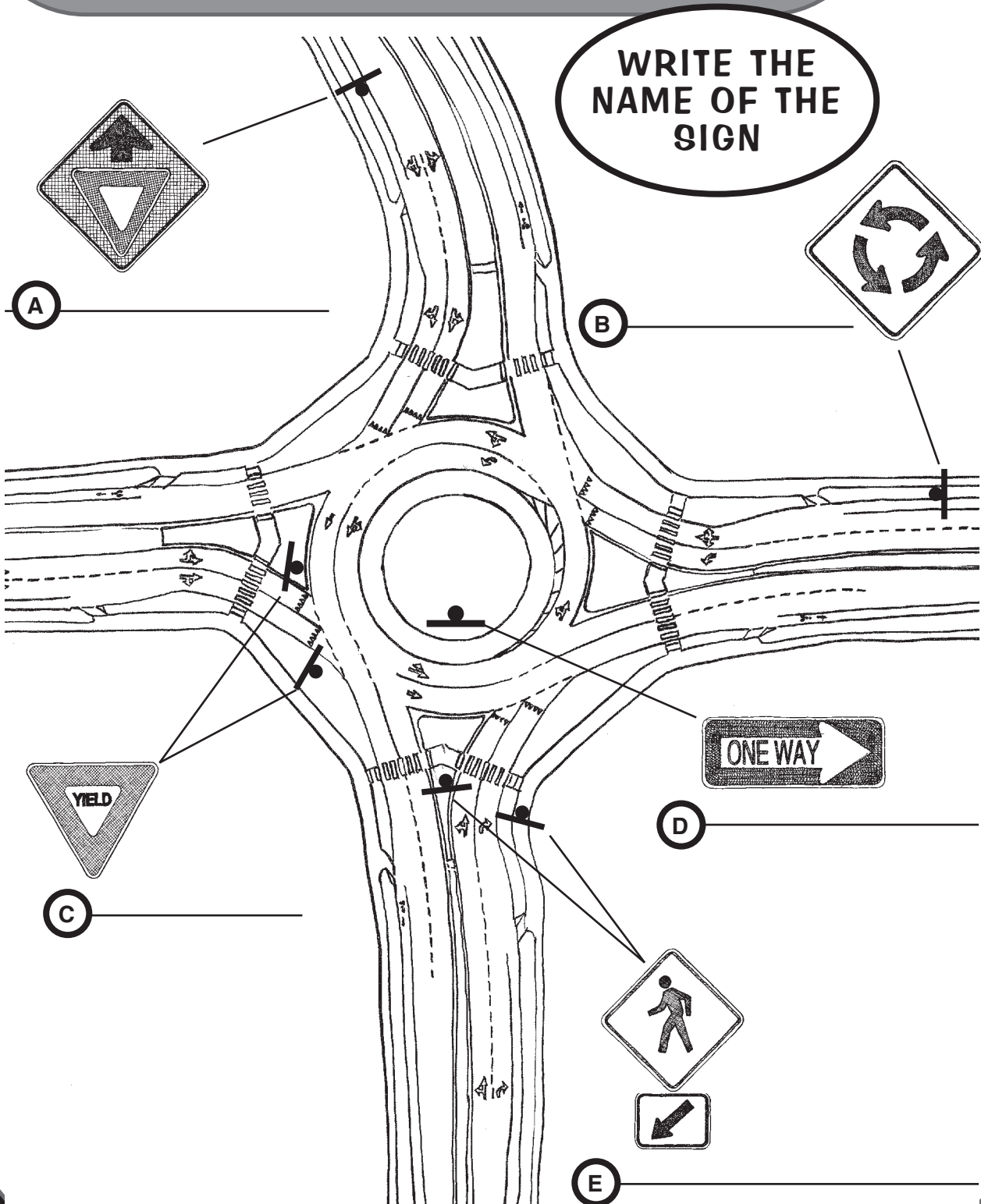
Remember to draw the sidewalks, crosswalks and bike lanes.



What kind of art would you place in the central island?

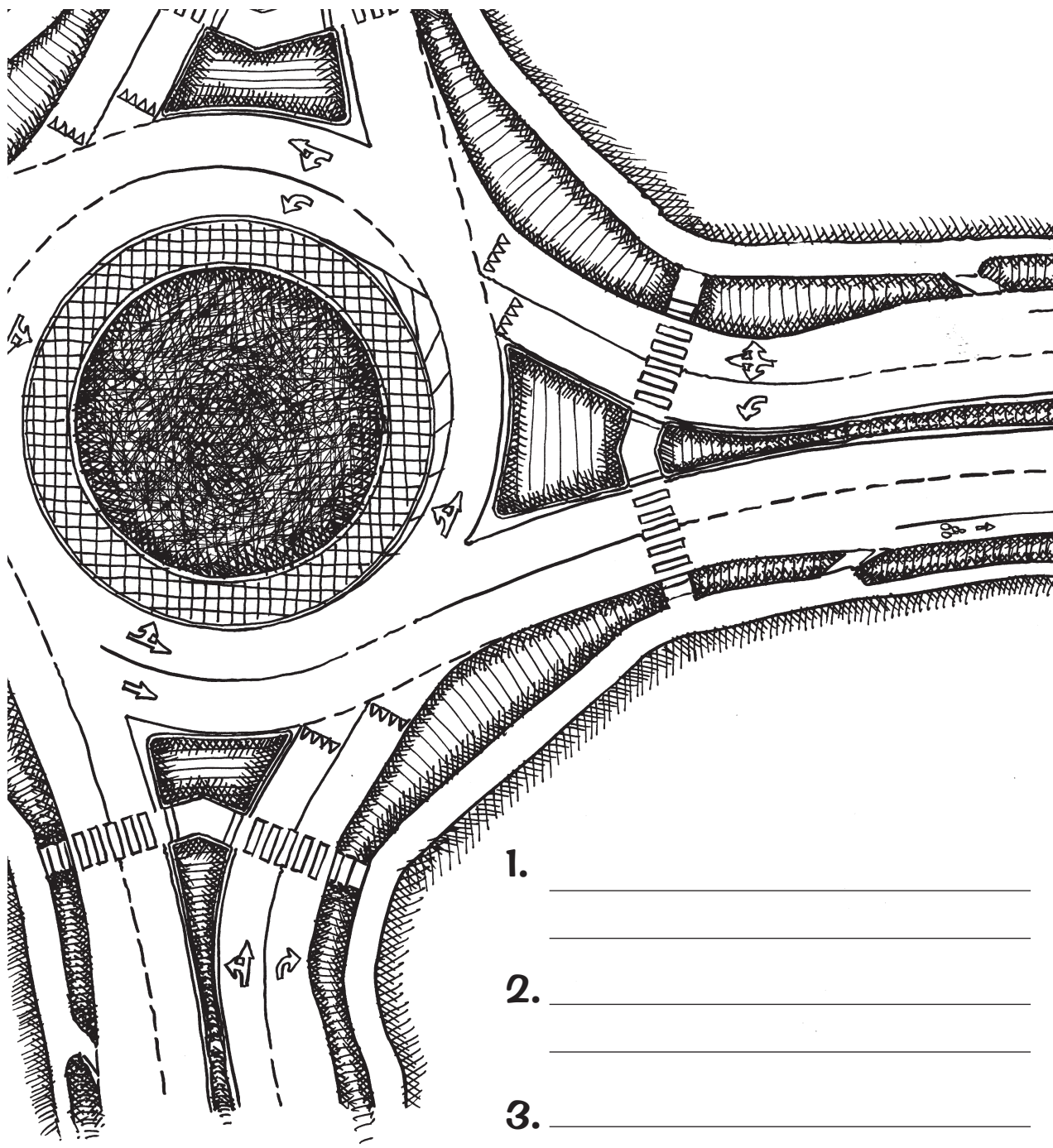
Lesson 2 Quiz:

# Roundabout Sign Locations and Names



Lesson 3 Quiz:

# Identify 3 Steps to Cross the Street

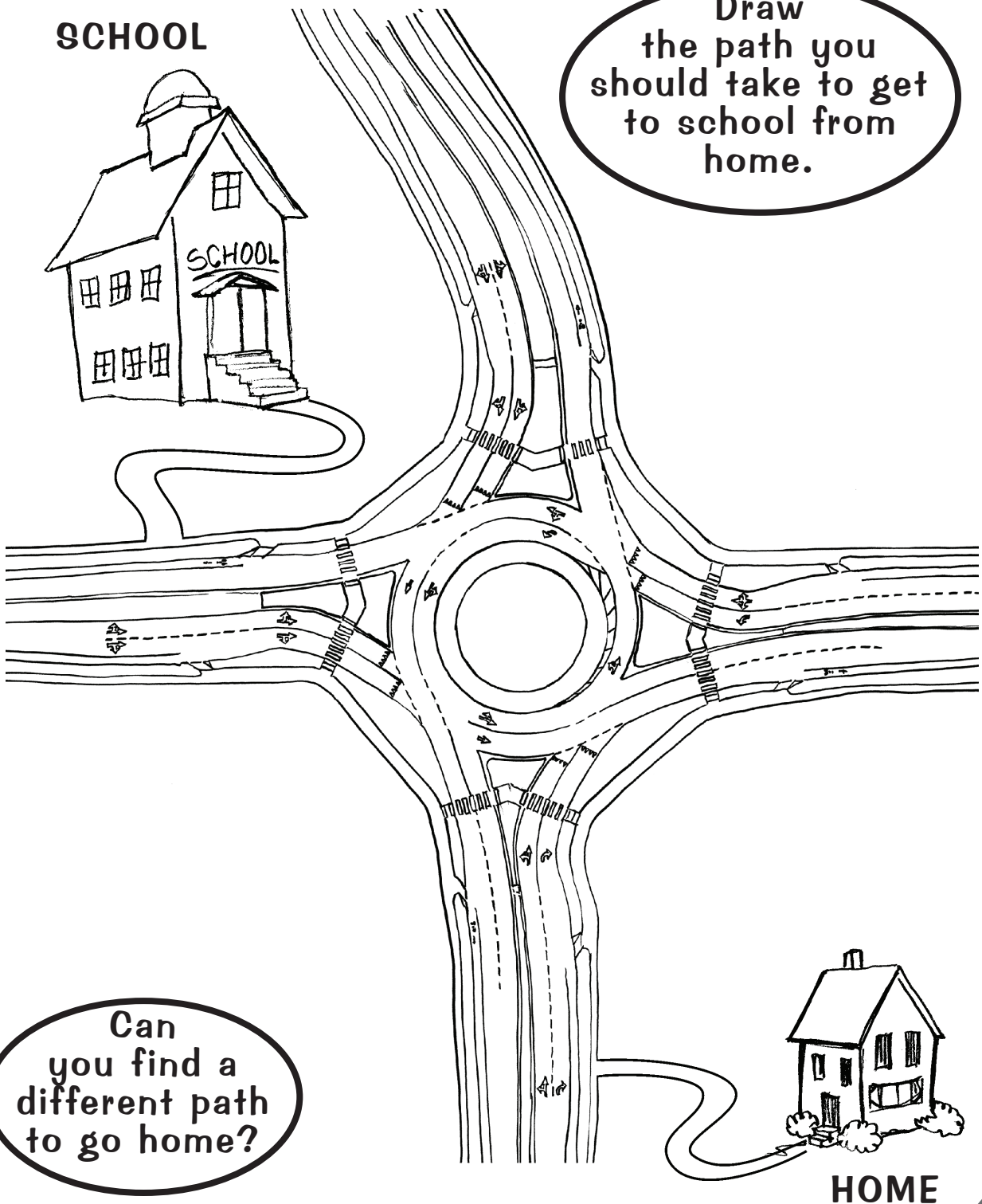


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2. \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. \_\_\_\_\_  
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Lesson 4 Quiz:

# Getting to School with the Roundabout



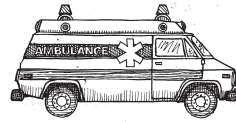
Lesson 5 Quiz:

# Emergency Vehicles: Let Them Quickly Through!

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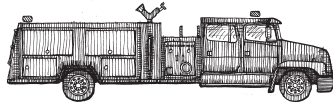


police cars



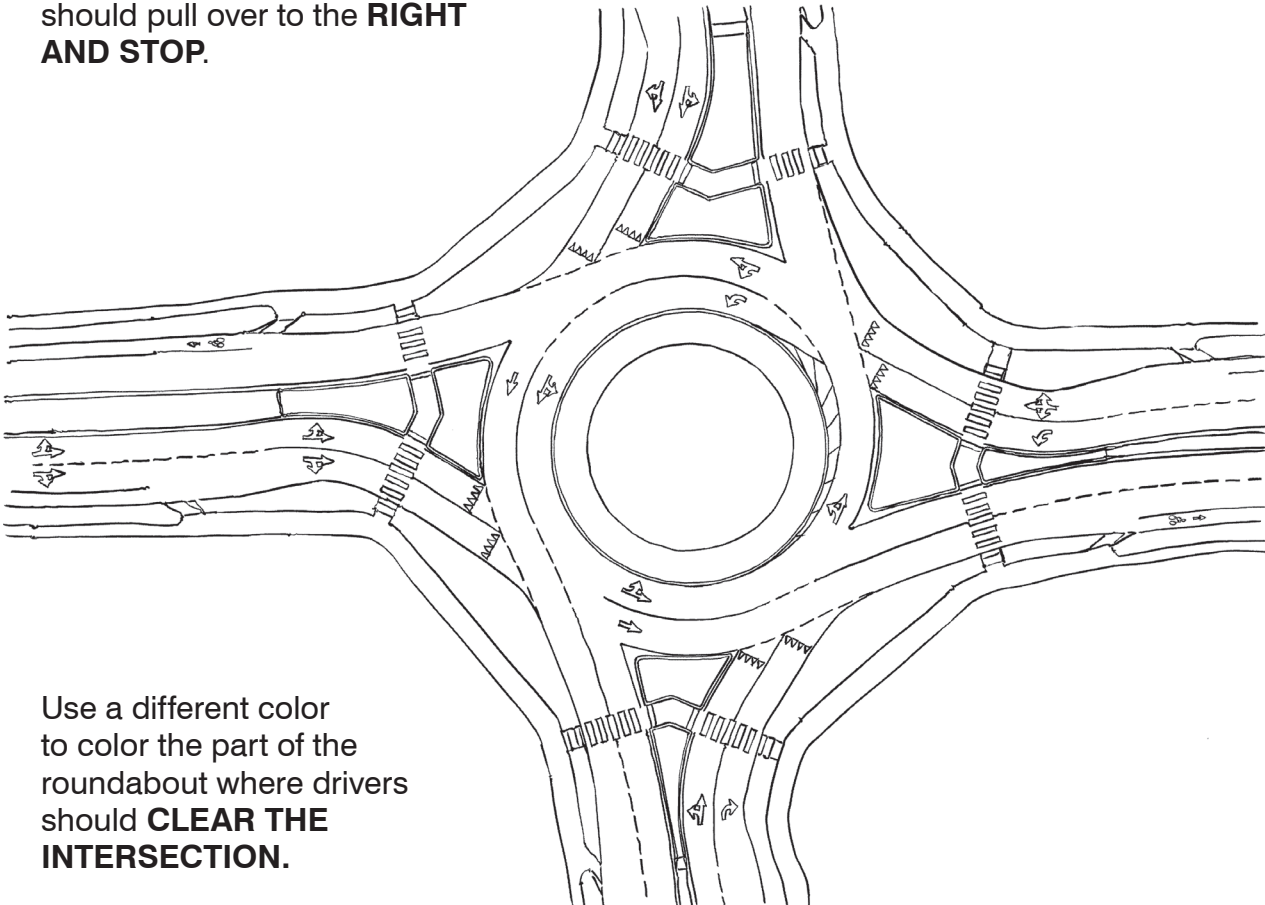
ambulances

and



fire trucks quickly through!

Color the roads near a roundabout where drivers should pull over to the **RIGHT AND STOP**.



Use a different color to color the part of the roundabout where drivers should **CLEAR THE INTERSECTION**.

# Roundabouts Lesson Plan Summary

## Lesson 1 - Basic Terminology

Introduce the following basic terminology:

- Sidewalk
- Crosswalk
- Bike Lane
- Bike Lane Exit
- Pedestrian Safety Zone (splitter island)

### *Key Concepts*

- Use the bike lane but exit to the sidewalk to get to the cross-walk
- Cross at the cross-walk
- Cross one direction of traffic at a time
- Cross to the Pedestrian Safety Zone (splitter island)

## Lesson 2 - Signs

Be able to identify:

- Yield sign
- Pedestrian Crossing Sign
- School Zone Sign
- Roundabout Ahead Sign (chasing arrows)
- One Way Sign

### *Key concepts*

- Pedestrian Crossing Sign requires drivers to stop for pedestrians in the cross-walk
- Yield sign requires drivers entering the roundabout to yield to drivers already in the roundabout
- One Way—Drive counter clockwise
- School Zone—drivers are required to travel less than 20 mph in a school zone.\*

\* In some states it is 15 mph

## Lesson 3 – Pedestrians

Make Safe Choices when you cross the street at a roundabout.

### *Key Concepts*

- Cross only at the cross-walk
- Use 3 steps to cross the street
  1. Make sure drivers see you—Make eye contact!
  2. Wait for drivers to stop.
  3. Step off curb when drivers are stopped.
- Cross one direction of traffic at a time (you can rest in the pedestrian safety zone/splitter island).

## Lesson 4 - Bikes

Make Safe Choices when you bike through a roundabout.

### *Key concepts*

- Young bikers use the sidewalk to get to the crosswalk
- Don't ride fast on the sidewalk there can be elderly citizens, moms pushing strollers, etc.
- Cross at the crosswalk—walk your bike -drivers won't have time to react if you ride in the crosswalk.

## Lesson 5 – Emergency Vehicles – let them quickly through!

- Know where you are so you can be sure to get out of the way.

### *Key Concepts*

- Clear the intersection
- Pull over to the right and stop.

# Roundabouts— Another Safe Intersection

We hope you had fun learning about roundabouts! Make Safe Choices as you practice what you've learned here.

For more information on roundabout safety, geometry and operations, please check out these website resources:

[www.kittelsohn.com/kai\\_toolbox/roundabouts/index.htm](http://www.kittelsohn.com/kai_toolbox/roundabouts/index.htm)

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