

## Independent driving

During your test you'll have to drive independently for ten minutes by following:

- ✓ traffic signs
- ✓ A series of directions given verbally
- ✓ A diagram similar to the picture shown below
- ✓ a combination of all methods

To help you understand where you are going when following verbal directions, the examiner will show you a diagram.

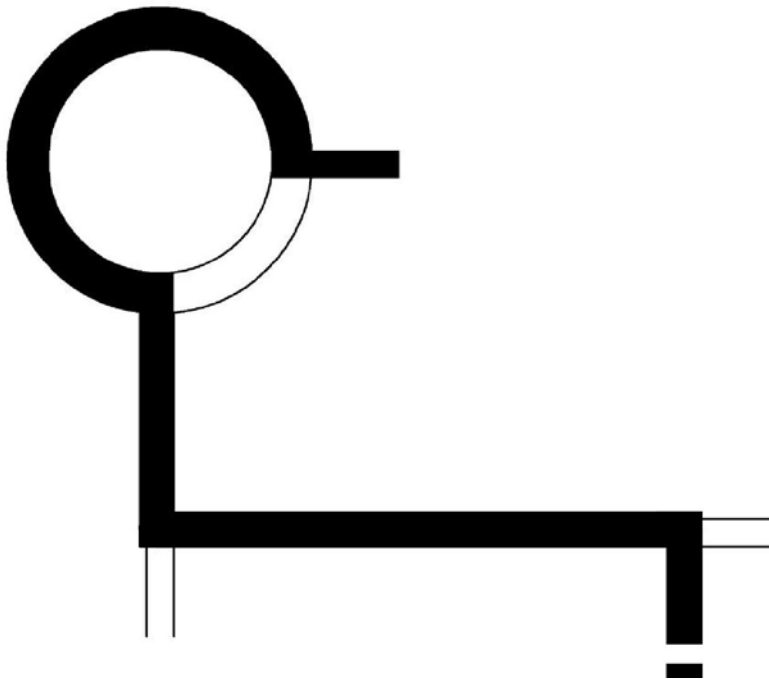
It doesn't matter if you don't remember every direction, or if you go the wrong way - that can happen to the most experienced drivers.

Independent driving is not a test of your orientation and navigation skills. Driving independently means making your own decisions - this includes deciding when it's safe and appropriate to ask for confirmation about where you're going.

### The independent driving route

If you **ask for a reminder of the directions**, the examiner will confirm them to you.

**If you go off the independent driving route it won't affect the result of your test unless you commit a driving fault.**



If you go off the route or take a **wrong turning**, don't worry, the examiner will help you to get back on the route and continue with the independent driving.

If there are poor or obscured traffic signs, the examiner will give you directions until you can see the next traffic sign.

You won't need to have a detailed knowledge of the area.

You can't use a sat-nav for independent driving as it gives you turn-by-turn prompts.

Independent driving tests how you make your own decisions.