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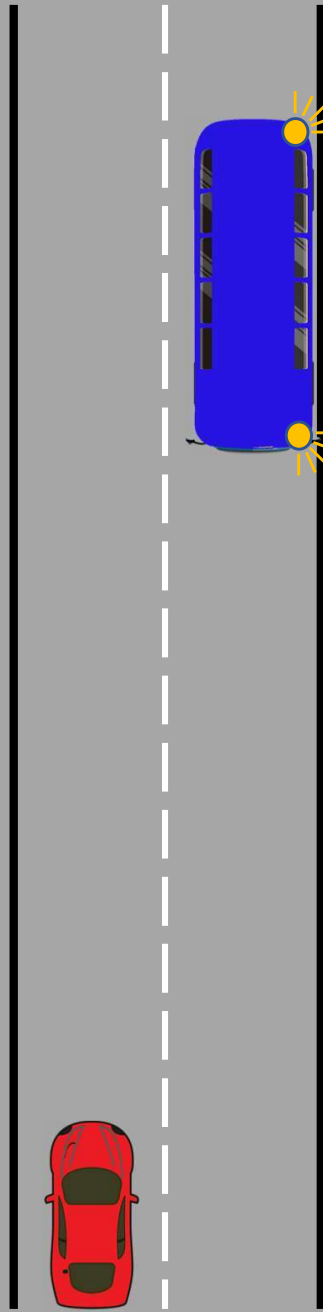
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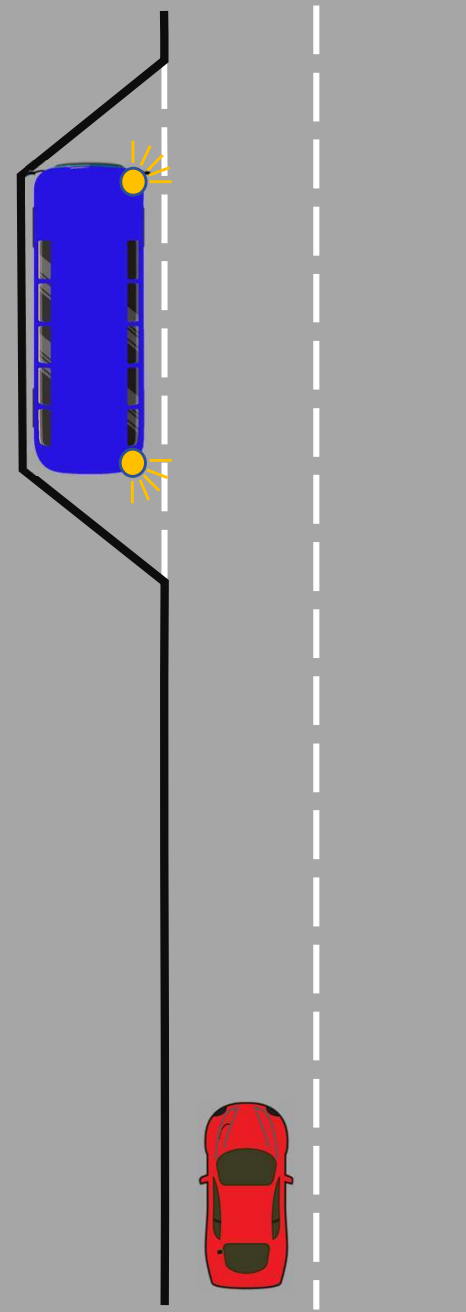
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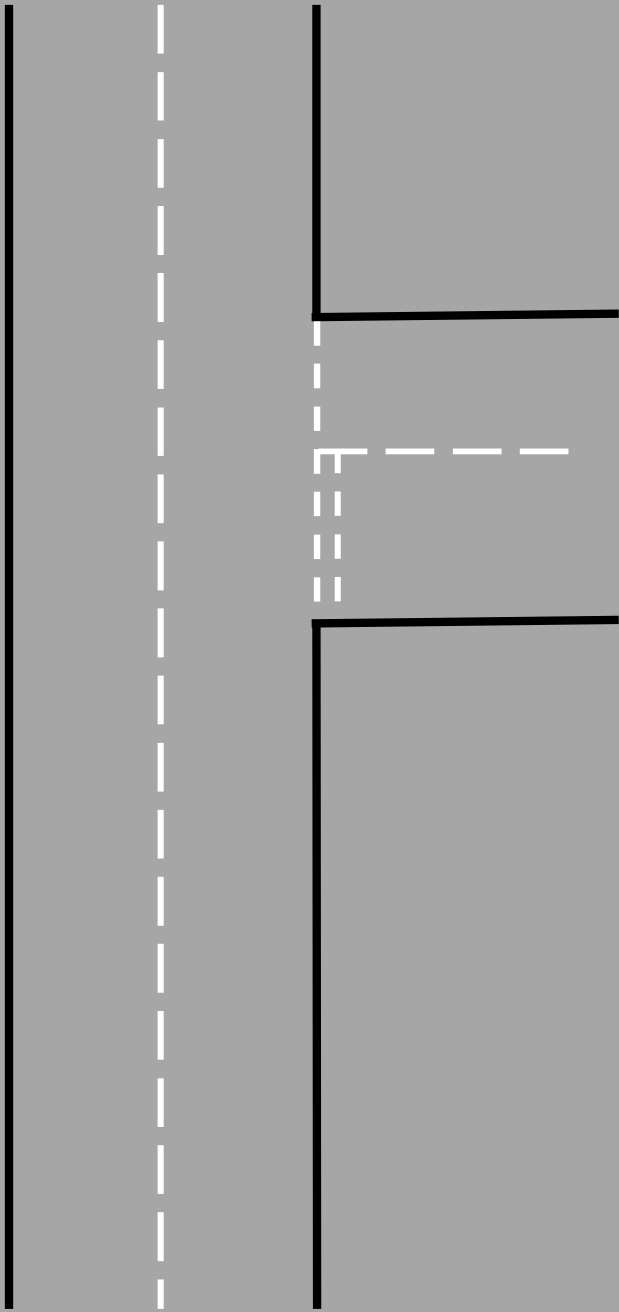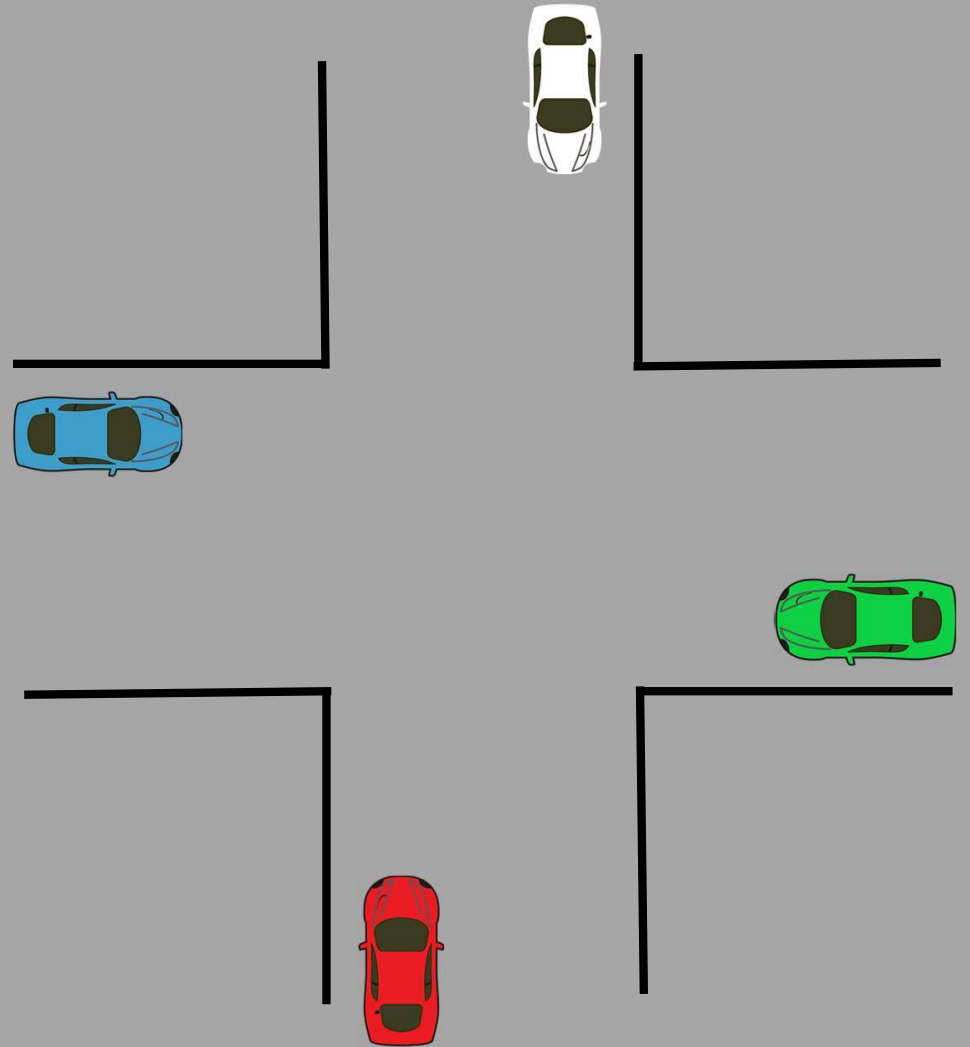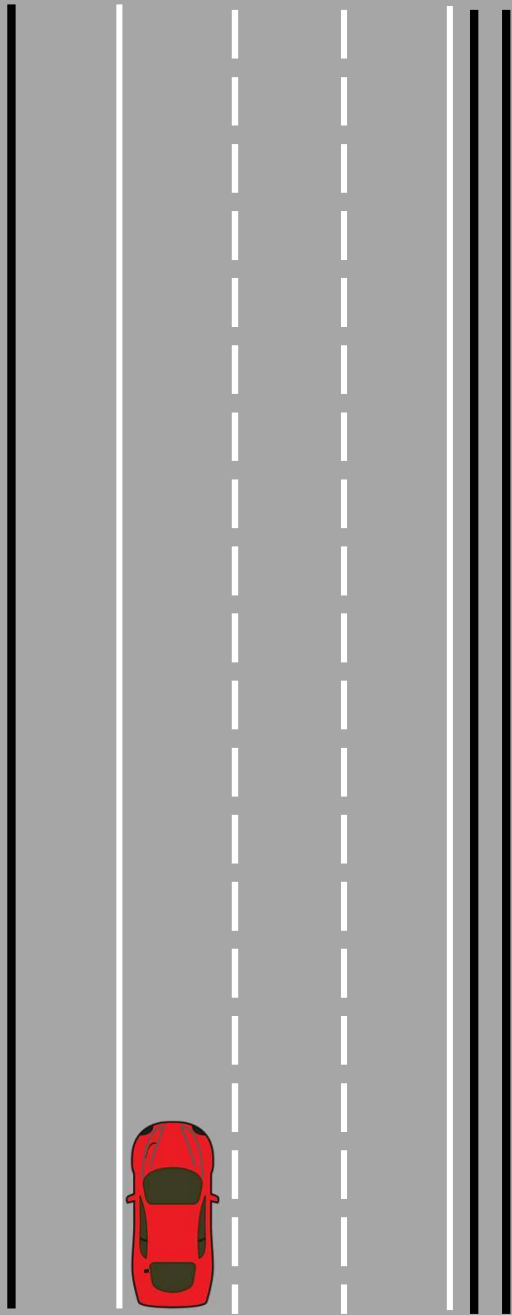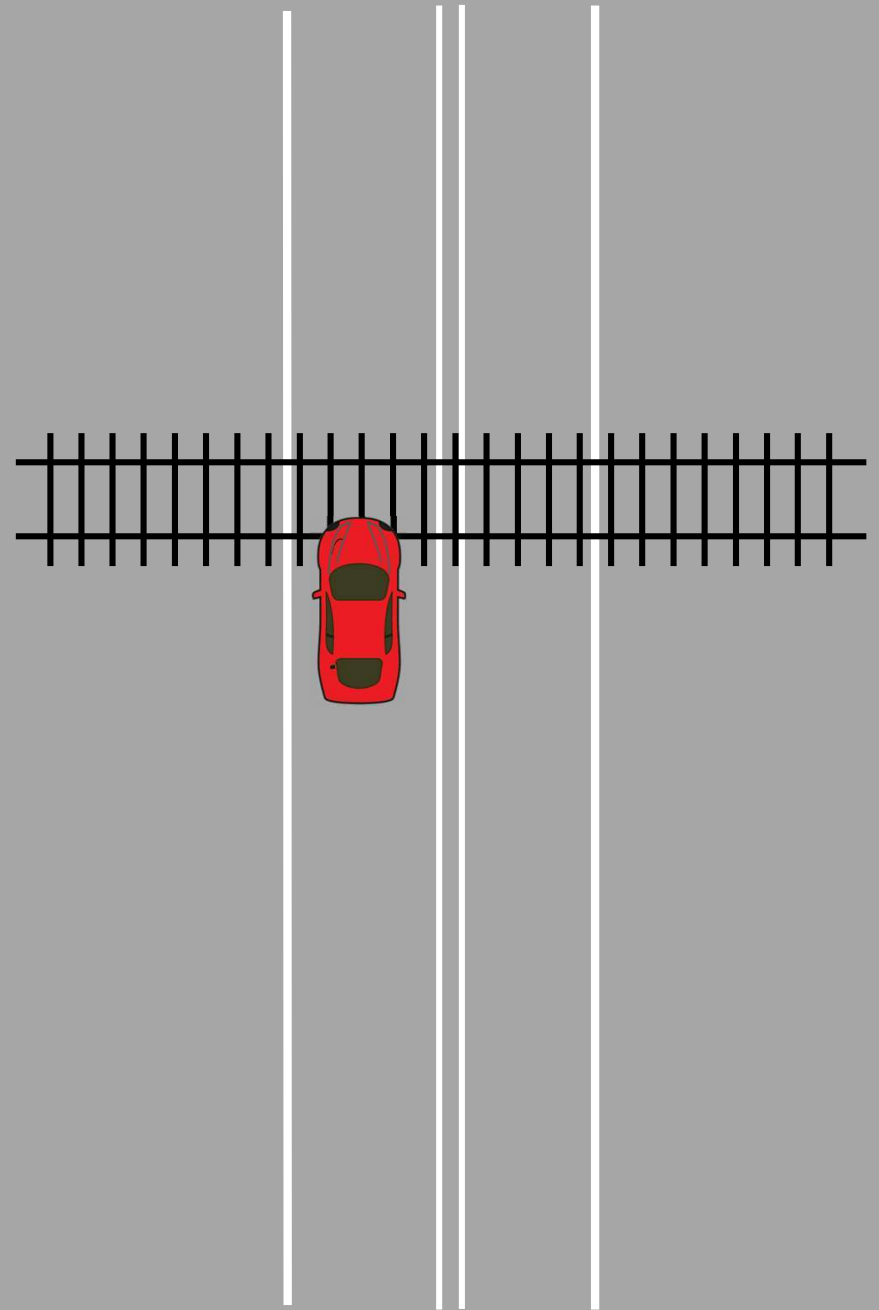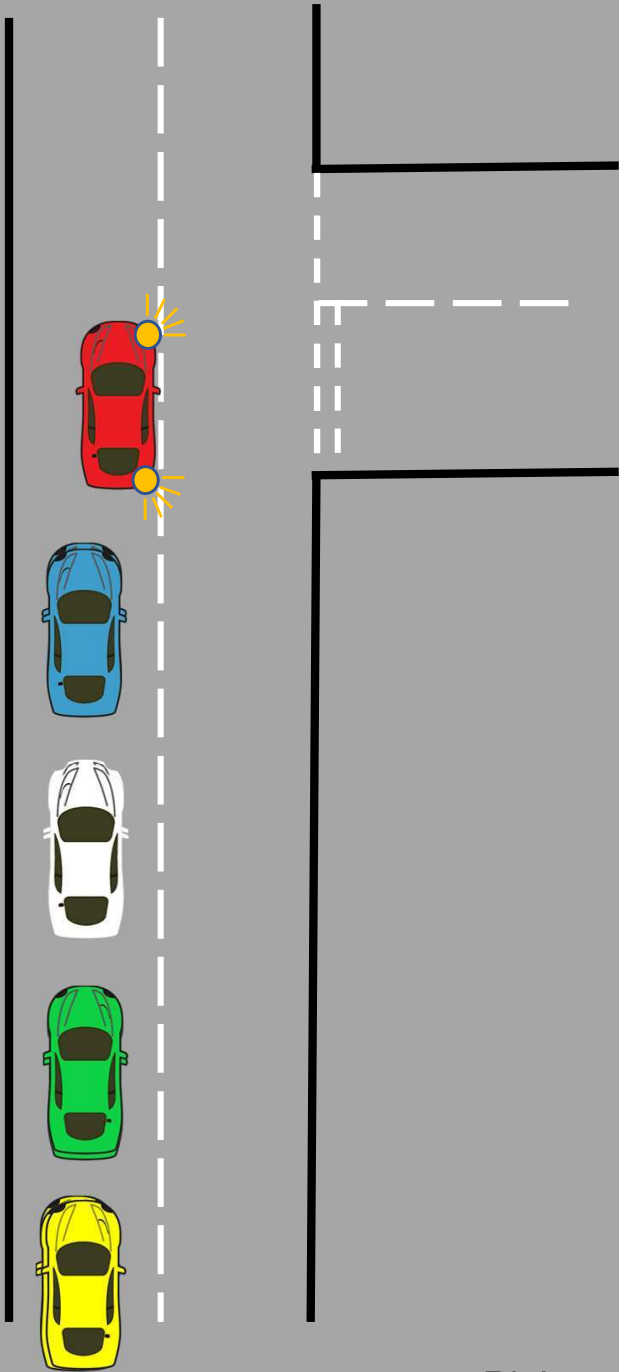
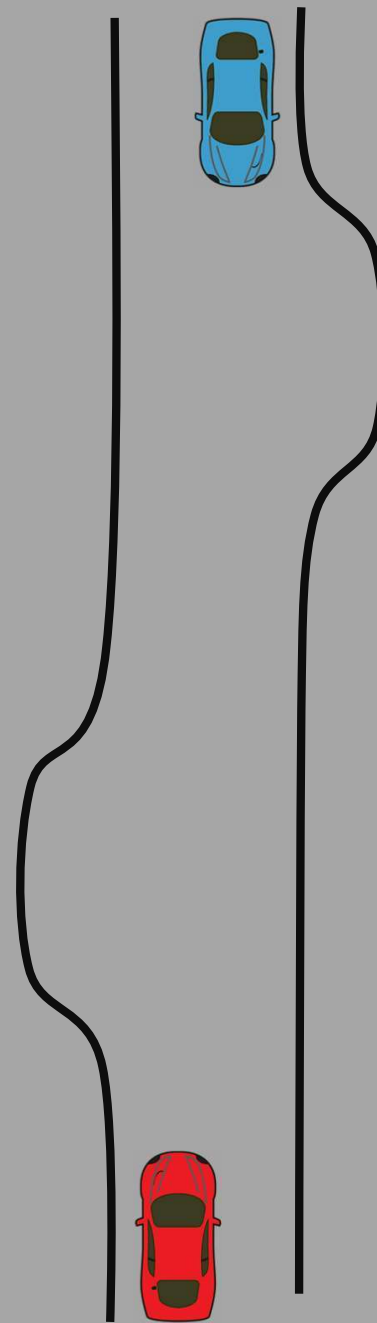Bus at bus stop ahead

Right turn

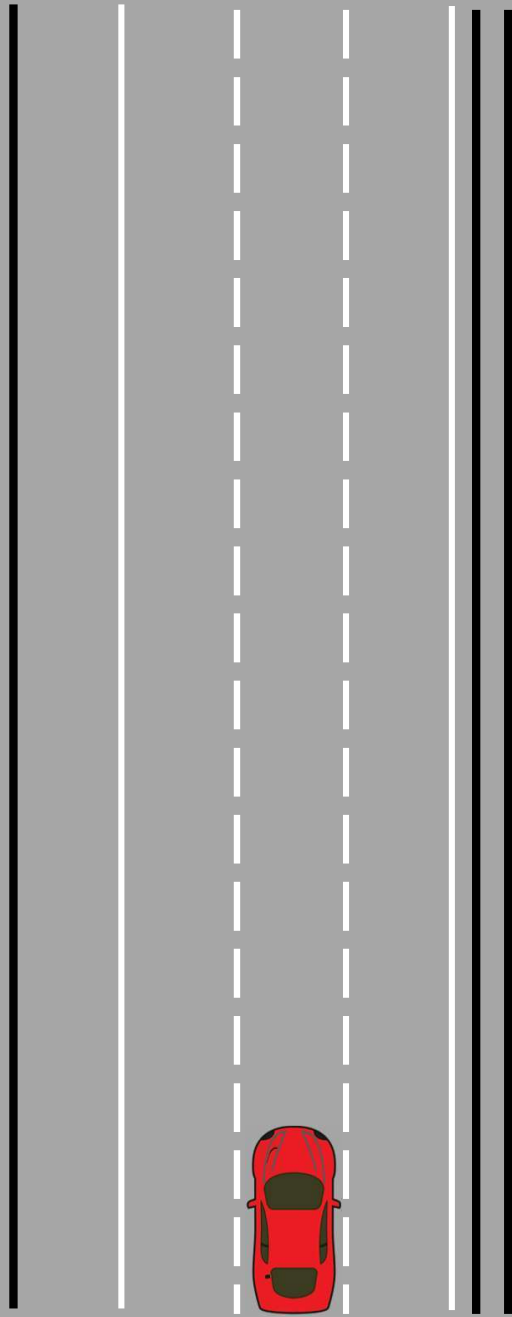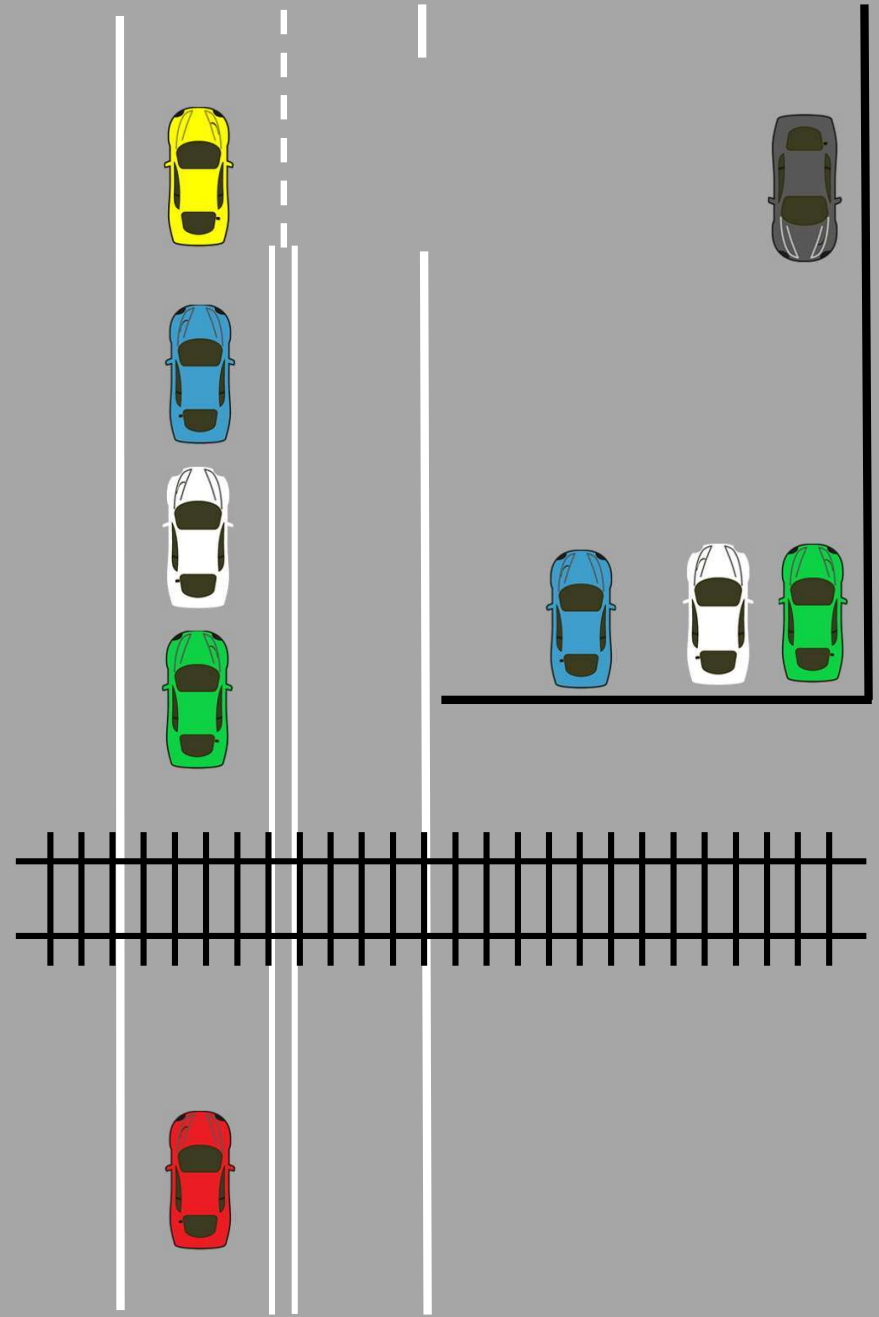Unmarked crossroads

Motorway

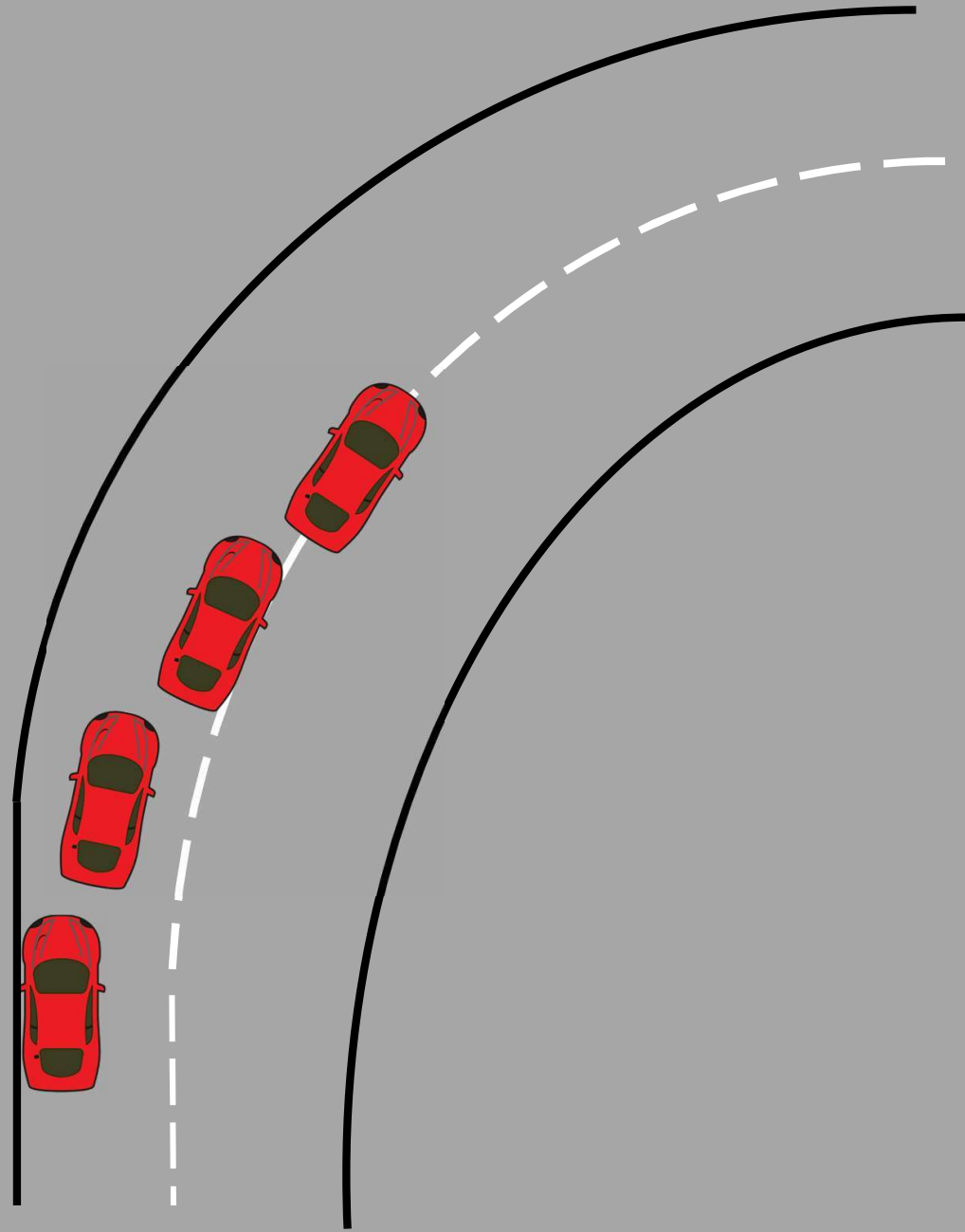Crossing a level crossing

Right turn with queue

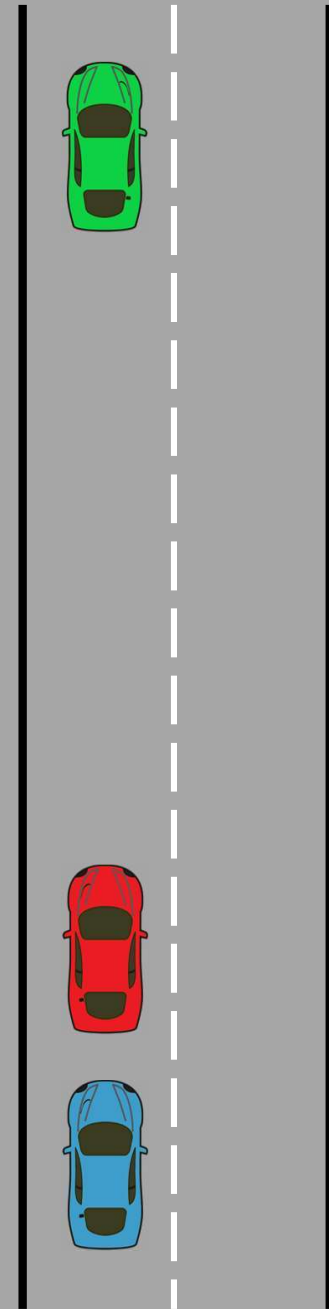Narrow country road with passing places

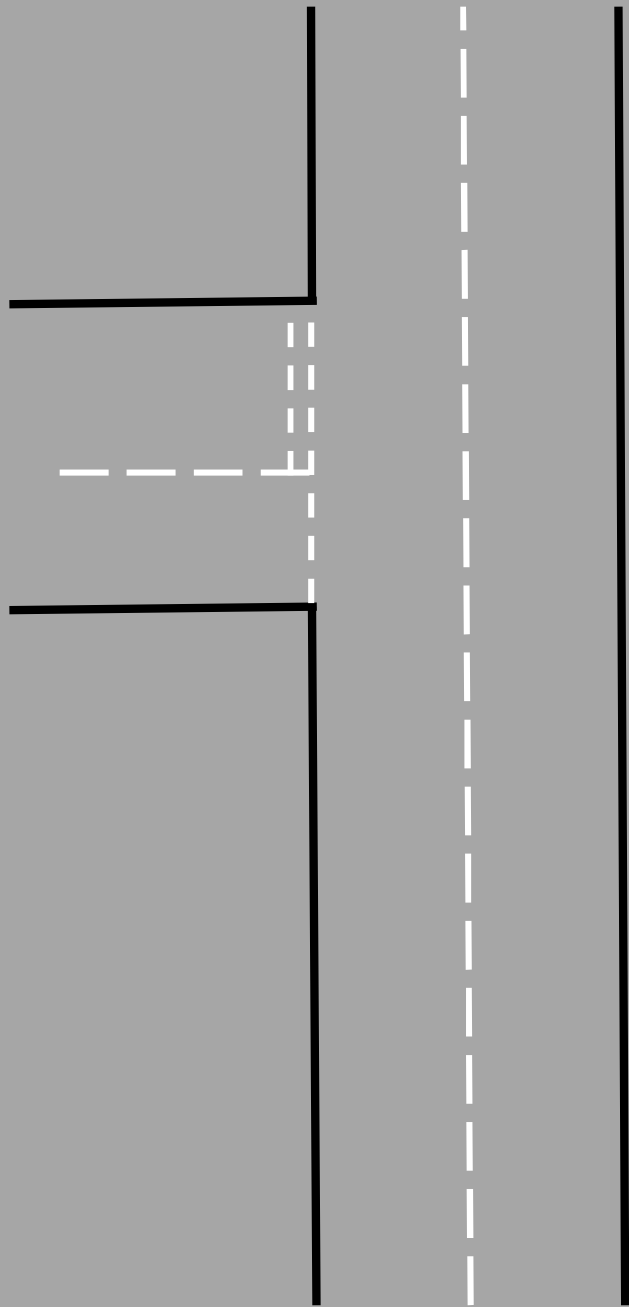Middle lane of three-lane motorway

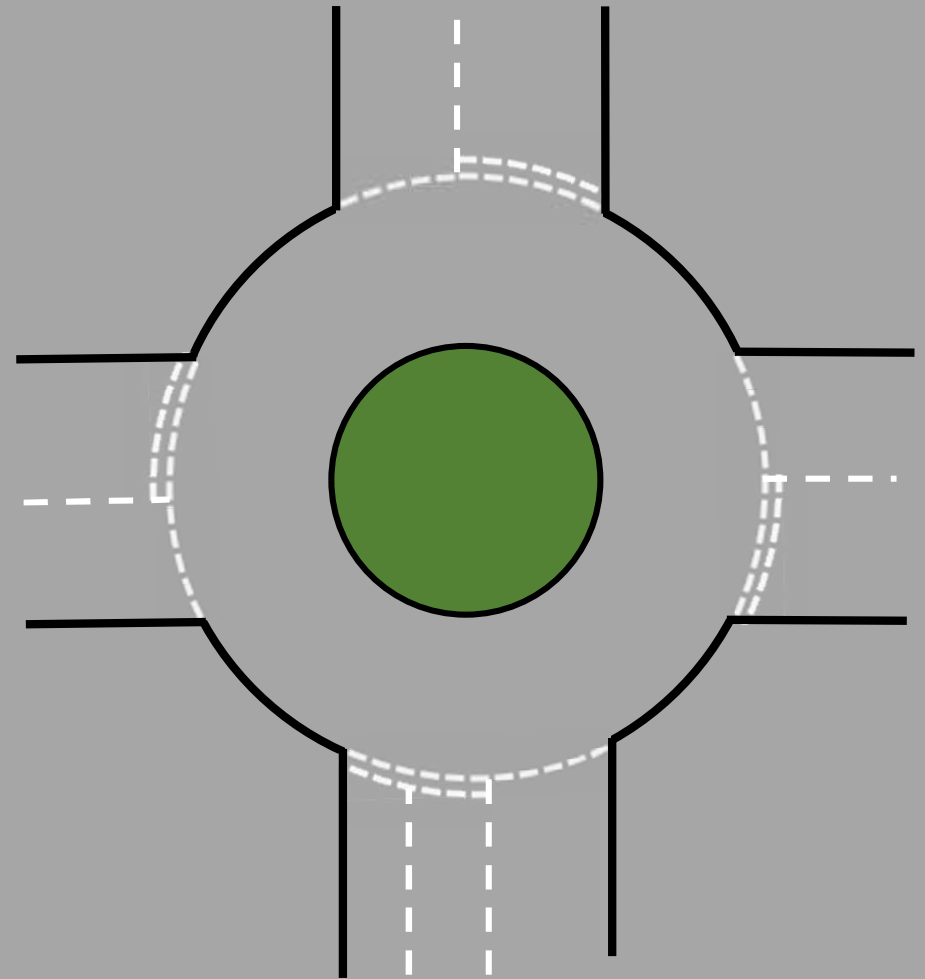Case study – level crossing with station car park

Position on bend

Car following closely

Side road on left

Roundabout

Words that are often changed

- aggressively ~ angrily
- approach ~ come up to
- continuous ~ steady
- dazzle ~ glare
- drive / ride – omit the 'ride'
- emerge ~ come out of
- ensure ~ make sure
- following driver ~ driver who is behind you
- glare ~ dazzle
- immediately ~ straight away
- parking brake ~ handbrake
- pull up ~ pull over
- restrictions ~ rules
- roof rack ~ roof box
- steady ~ continuous
- vehicle ~ car or lorry or bus (context!)

The OLM must use judgement to make sure that any explanation or rephrasing cannot provide the candidate with the answer to the question, either directly or by allowing them to eliminate an incorrect answer

Words that should not be changed

- Anti-lock Braking System (ABS)
- Box junction – can be described physically, yellow painted criss-cross grid (but its purpose cannot be described)
- Catalytic converter
- Chicane – can be described physically, extra bend in the road (but its purpose cannot be described)
- Comprehensive
- Contraflow / With flow system
- Cover note
- Crawler lane
- Dual carriageway
- Electronic Stability Control (ESC) – can describe the meaning of each individual word, but not what ESC does
- Emergency Refuge Area (ERA)
- Excess
- Ford
- Hard shoulder
- Immobiliser
- MOT certificate
- National speed limit
- Quayside
- Road humps – can be described physically, hump in road or speed hump (but their purpose cannot be described)
- Rumble device – can be described physically (but its purpose cannot be described)
- Single carriageway
- Staggered junction
- Statutory Off-Road Notification (SORN)
- T-junction
- Traffic calming – can say to calm traffic
- Types of crossing (pelican, puffin, zebra, toucan)

** **This list is not exhaustive**