

Show Me/Tell Me

Remember your examiner will ask you one question from the 'tell me' section. You will simply explain what you would do. This will happen at the start of your test before you start driving.

While you are driving you will be asked one 'show me' question and you will have to carry out the task safely.

- If both answers you give are wrong (one explanation and one action) you will get one driving fault (sometimes called a 'minor' fault).
- You will fail your driving test if your driving is dangerous or potentially dangerous while you perform the action to answer the 'show me' question.

1. Tell me how you would check that the brakes are working before starting a journey?

Brakes should not feel spongy or slack. Brakes should be tested as you set off. The vehicle should not pull to one side.

2. Tell me where you would find the information for the recommended tyre pressures for this car and how tyre pressures should be checked?

Check the manufacturer's guide, use a reliable pressure gauge, check and adjust pressures when tyres are cold. Don't forget the spare tyre and remember to refit the valve caps.

3. Tell me how you make sure your head restraint is correctly adjusted so it provides the best protection in the event of a crash?

The head restraint should be adjusted so that the rigid part of the head restraint is at least as high as your eye or the top of your ears and as close to the back of the head as is comfortable.

Note: Some head restraints might not be adjustable.

4. Tell me how you would check the tyres to ensure that they have sufficient tread depth and that their general condition is safe to use on the road?

*There should be no cuts and bulges and **1.6mm** of tread depth across the central $\frac{3}{4}$ of the breadth of the tyre, and around the entire outer circumference of the tyre.*

5. Tell me how you would check that the headlights and taillights are working? You do not need to exit the vehicle.

Explain that you would operate the switch (turn on the ignition if necessary) then walk around the vehicle (as this is a 'tell me' question, you don't need to physically check the lights).

6. Tell me how you would know if there was a problem with your anti-lock braking system?

The warning light should illuminate if there is a fault with the anti-lock braking system.

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7. Tell me how you would check the direction indicators are working? You do not need to exit the vehicle.

Explain that you would operate the switch (turn on the ignition if necessary) then walk around the vehicle (as this is a 'tell me' question, you don't need to physically check the lights).

8. Tell me how you would check the brake lights are working on this car?

Explain that you would operate the brake pedal, make use of reflections in windows or doors, or ask someone to help.

9. Tell me how you would check if the power-assisted steering is working before starting a journey?

If the steering becomes heavy, the system may not be working properly. Before starting a journey, 2 simple checks can be made. Put gentle pressure on the steering wheel, maintained while the engine is started, should result in a slight but noticeable movement as the system begins to operate. Alternatively, turning the steering wheel just after moving off will give an immediate indication that the power assistance is functioning or not.

10. Tell me how you would switch on the rear fog light(s) and explain when you would use it/them? You do not need to exit the vehicle.

Operate the switch (turn on dipped headlights and ignition if necessary). Check the warning light is on. Explain their use.

11. Tell me how you switch your headlight from dipped to main beam and explain how you would know the main beam is on?

Operate switch (with ignition or engine on if necessary), check that the main beam warning light is on.

12. Open the bonnet and tell me how you would check that the engine has sufficient oil?

Identify dipstick/oil level indicator, describe how you would check that the oil level against the minimum and maximum markers on the dipstick.

13. Open the bonnet and tell me how you would check that the engine has sufficient engine coolant?

Identify the high-level and low-level markings on the header tank where fitted or radiator filler cap and describe how to top up to the correct level.

14. Open the bonnet and tell me how you would check that you have a safe level of hydraulic brake fluid?

Identify the reservoir, check level against the high and low markings.

You need to open the bonnet and tell the examiner how you would do the check if you are asked question 12, 13 or 14.



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When it is safe to do so, can you show me how you wash and clean the rear windscreen?

When it is safe to do so, can you show me how you wash and clean the front windscreen?

When it is safe to do so, can you show me how you would switch on your dipped headlights?

When it is safe to do so, can you show me how you would set the rear demister?

When it is safe to do so, can you show me how you would operate the horn?

When it is safe to do so, can you show me how you would demist the front windscreen?

When it is safe to do so, can you show me how you would open and close the side window?

The important words here are 'when it is safe to do so'!