

Road Safety



with Themba



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Road safety is so important! Small children at that age are naturally curious and copy the behaviour that they see around them. Children understand the dangers of roads or of cars.

Even though a young child might not be able to see the risks, planting a seed about road safety may help keep them safe as they grow.

Small children are still learning about how to judge speed and distance. They are still learning about danger and how to avoid it.

Road safety lessons can help them learn important habits — like waiting on the pavement, holding an adult's hand, or looking both ways — so that as they get older, these things come naturally.

It's not just about preventing accidents today; it's about helping them develop habits that will keep them safe in the future when they start to walk, ride bikes, or drive. By teaching them road safety now, you are preparing them for safety later in life.

By making learning fun and interactive can help them understand things more easily. Try practicing looking both ways when you cross a street or play road safety games, and look out for road signs. Road signs are a wonderful way to practise shapes.



Before you cross the road you should

look right, left, and then right again.
and **listen** for oncoming cars.

Cross the road at pedestrian crossings, like zebra crossings, traffic lights, or pedestrian bridges.

Walk quickly across the road, but don't run.

Cross in a **straight line**, not diagonally.
This is the quickest way to cross the road.

Let's explore with Themba. Who is being safe and who must still learn?



This is a very busy road.

The safest way to cross it is to go over the fly-over bridge.

Do you think the boy on the bicycle might get hurt?

Was crossing the road a bad idea?

Before you cross the road you should
look right, left, and then right again.
and listen for oncoming cars.



Stop!

Look!

Listen!

Cross the road at pedestrian crossings, like
zebra crossings or traffic lights.

Walk quickly across the road, but don't run.

Cross in a straight line.

What shape is this?



A **red** triangle with **white** in the middle is a **yield sign**.

It means **be careful**.

Red means



Orange means be
careful!



Green means

GO!





These children are crossing the road in a straight line at a zebra crossing.





These children are waiting for their mother.





These children are crossing the road in a straight line at a zebra crossing.



Stop!

Look!

Listen!

What shape is this?

This sign means that a car may park here.



What shape is this?

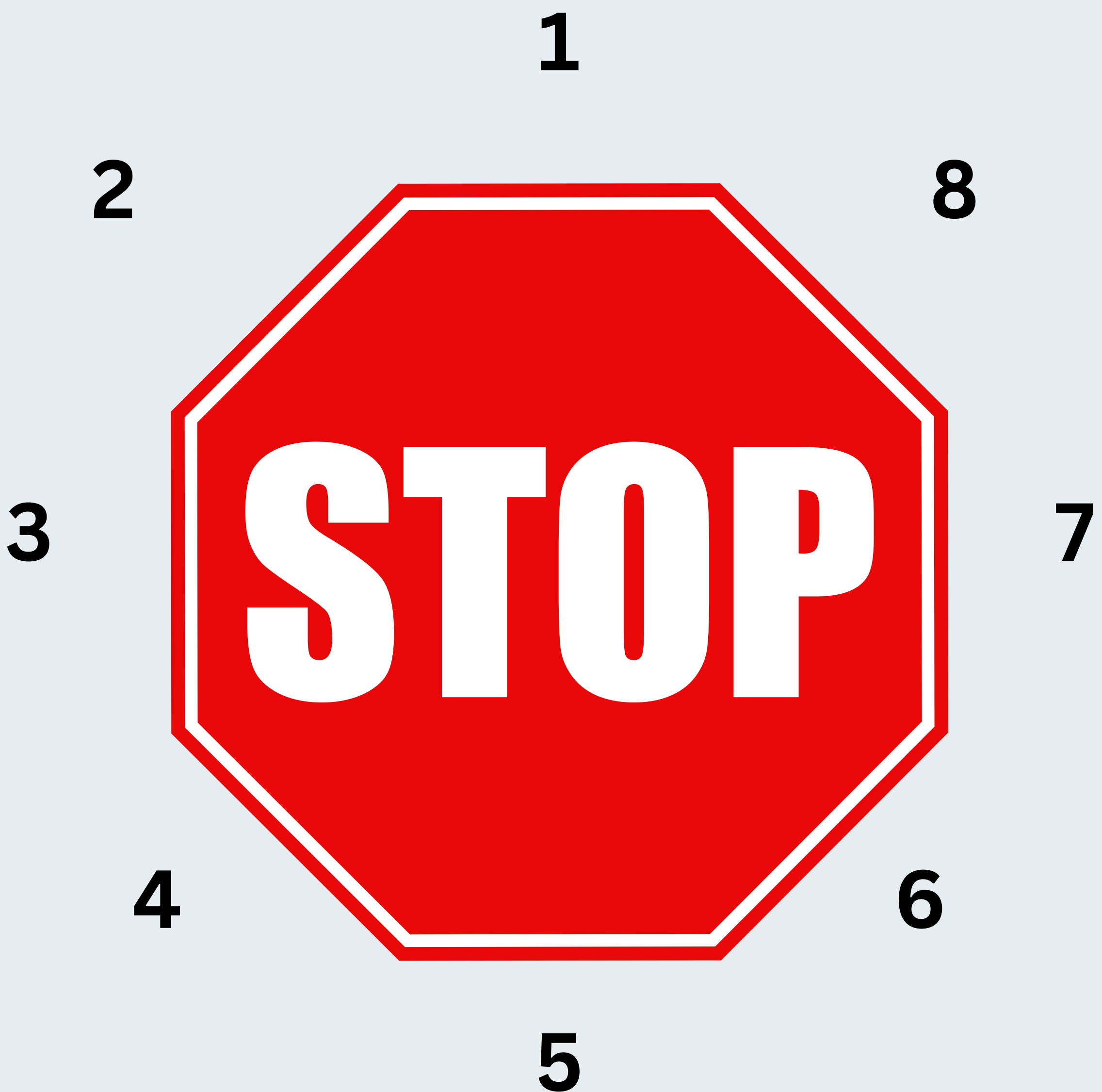
A **red** circle with a **white stripe** in the middle is a **no entry sign**.



This sign means **NO** parking.

This is a **STOP** sign

How many sides does this shape have?



It is an **octagon**