

# Construction



## Entry 1 Reading

### Module: Health and safety signs

#### Module Aims

##### Main aim

We are learning what some health and safety signs mean.

##### Other learning aims

We are learning the meaning of words and symbols on health and safety signs.



## Module: Health and safety signs

**Aim:** We are learning what some health and safety signs mean.

There are different kinds of safety signs.



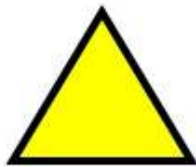
**Blue circles** tell you what you **must** do.

They are called mandatory signs.



**Red circles** with a line tell you what you **must not** do.

They are called prohibitive signs.



**Black** and **yellow triangles** tell you to be **careful**. They are called warning signs.



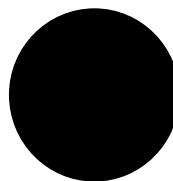
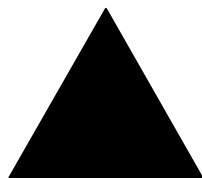
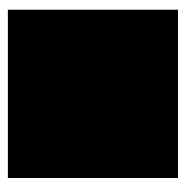
**Green** and **white squares** or **rectangles** give you information about first aid, fire escape or safe conditions.

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## Task 1: Test yourself

Draw a line from the shape to its name. The first one is done for you.



triangle

rectangle

square

circle

## What do the colours mean?



you **must not**

take care

you **must**

first aid, fire  
escape or safe  
conditions



## Blue signs

Blue signs show what **you must do**.

Blue signs show what **you must use**.

What do these signs mean?

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You **must wear** safety boots.



You **must wear** safety gloves.

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You **must wear** a hard hat.



You **must wear** overalls.

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## Task 2: Test yourself

Can you see these signs on your site? What do they mean?

This sign means:

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- go to the clothes store.
  - you must wear overalls.
  - you can wear your own clothes.
  - you must hang up your overalls.
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**Blue signs** mean:

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- safe condition.
  - you **must not** do something.
  - you **must** do something.
  - please take care
- 

This sign means:

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- please wear a hard hat.
  - take care – people working.
  - wear a hat if you want to.
  - you must wear a hard hat.
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This sign means:

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- you must wear safety boots.
  - take care – slips and trips.
  - you can wear your own boots.
  - wear safety boots if you want to.
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This sign means:

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- take care – hot work here.
  - you must wear safety gloves.
  - take care – mind your hands.
  - you can wear your own gloves.
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## Green signs

Green signs keep you safe.

They show how to leave the site quickly.

They show where to get first aid.

What does this sign show?



First aid

First aid is where you go if you get hurt.

What does this sign mean?



You wash your eyes here.

What does this sign mean?



You can drink the water from this tap.

What does this sign mean?



This is the fire exit.



### Task 3: Test yourself

Can you see these signs on your site? What do they mean?

**Green and white** signs mean:



- you **must** do something.
  - you **must not** do something.
  - take care.
  - safe condition.
- 

This sign means:



- take care.
  - first aid.
  - rest area.
  - site office.
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This sign means:



- drinking water.
  - first aid box.
  - emergency eye wash.
  - water leak.
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This sign means:



- fire exit.
  - entrance.
  - rest area.
  - first aid.
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## Task 4: Word grid

Here are some of the words from the tasks. Write them in the grid.

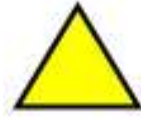
There are some letters in the grid to help you.



overalls



first aid



triangle



circle



eye wash



square



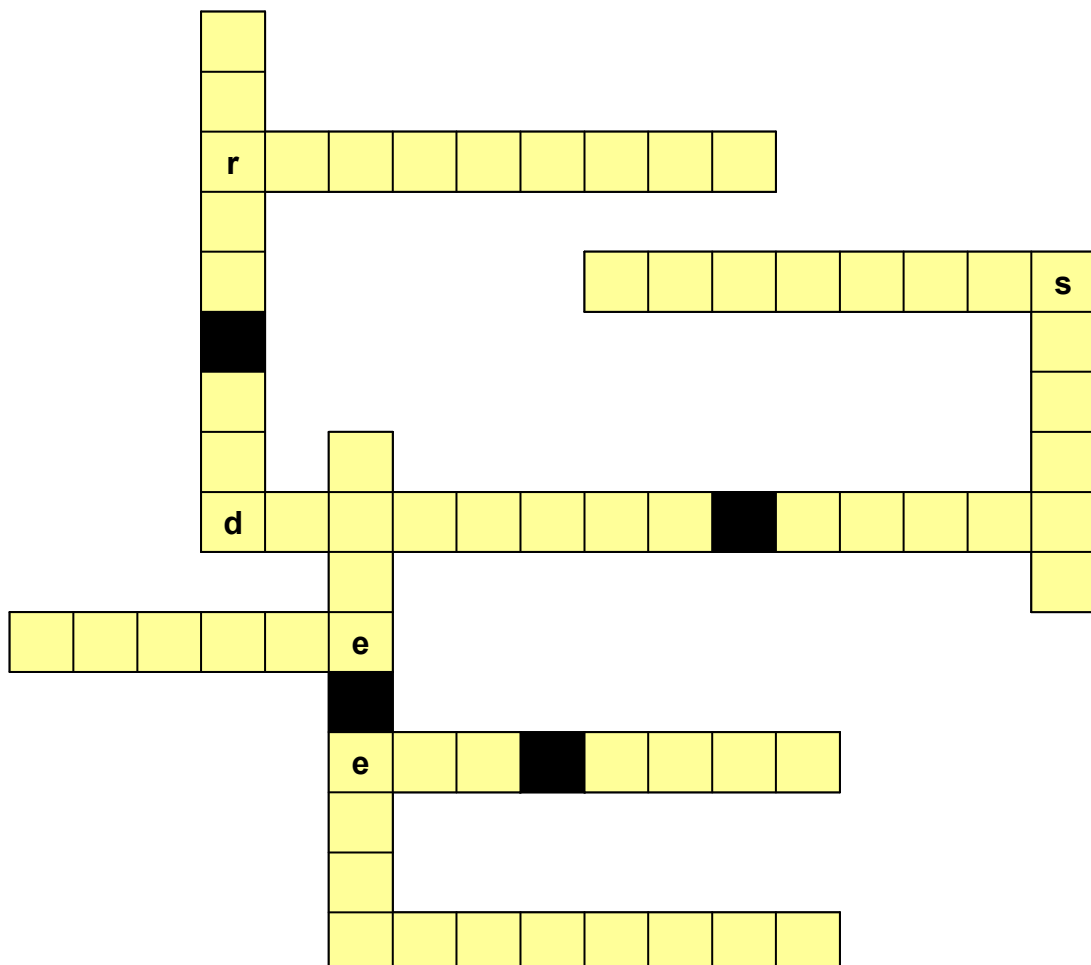
rectangle



fire exit



drinking water

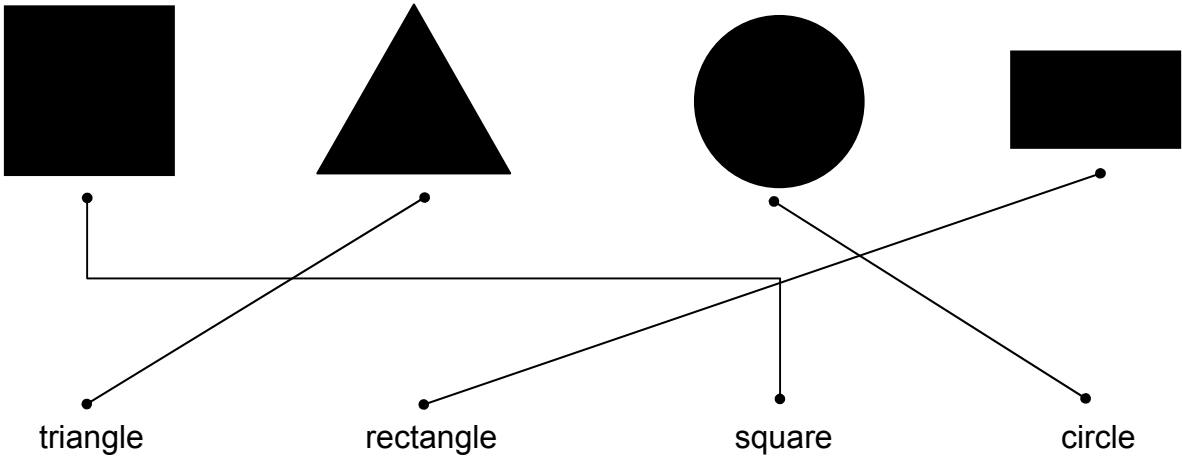




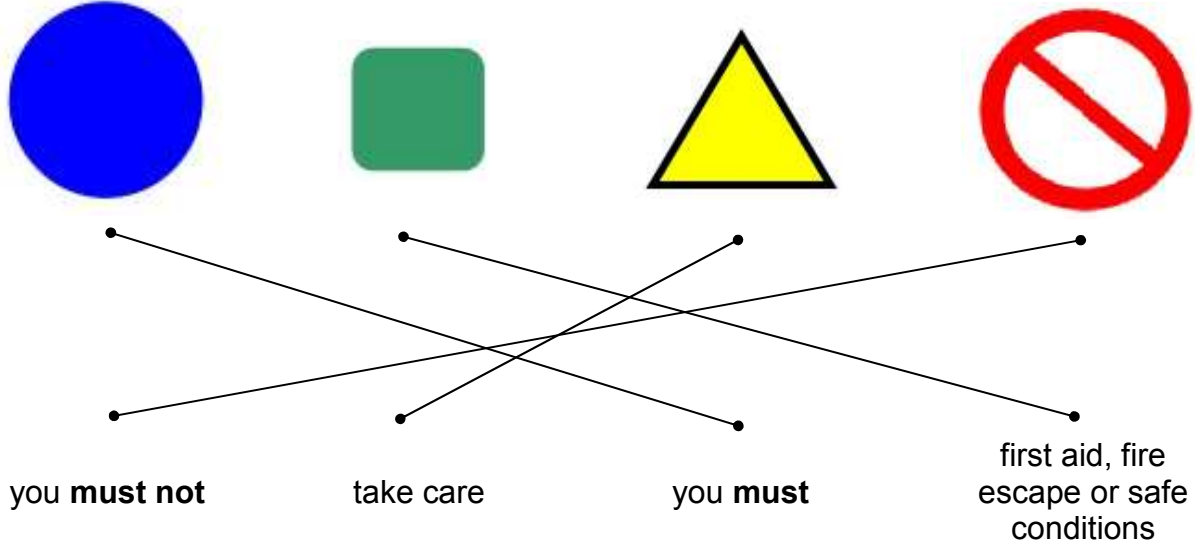
# How did you do?

## Module: Health and safety signs answers

### Task 1: answers



### What do the colours mean?



## Task 2: answers

Can you see these signs on your site? What do they mean?

This sign means:



- go to the clothes store.
  - you **must** wear overalls.
  - you can wear your own clothes.
  - you must hang up your overalls.
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**Blue signs** mean:



- safe condition.
  - you **must not** do something.
  - you **must** do something.
  - please take care
- 

This sign means:



- please wear a hard hat.
  - take care – people working.
  - wear a hat if you want to.
  - you **must** wear a hard hat.
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This sign means:



- you **must** wear safety boots.
- take care – slips and trips.
- you can wear your own boots.
- wear safety boots if you want to.

This sign means:



- take care – hot work here.
- you **must** wear safety gloves.
- take care – mind your hands.
- you can wear your own gloves.

### Remember

Blue signs tell you what you **must** do.

They are called **mandatory** signs.

**blue = must do = mandatory**



### Task 3: answers

Green and white signs mean:



- you **must** do something.
- you **must not** do something.
- take care.
- safe condition.

This sign means:



- take care.
- first aid.
- rest area.
- site office.

This sign means:



- drinking water.
- first aid box.
- emergency eye wash.
- water leak.

This sign means:



- fire exit.
- entrance.
- rest area.
- first aid.

Some signs have words on them. The words tell you what the sign means.

**Remember**  
Green and white signs tell you about safe conditions.

### Task 4: answers



overalls



first aid



triangle



circle



eye wash



square



rectangle



fire exit



drinking water

