

Topic: Read Community Signs

Let's get started...

Did you see any signs today? Where did you see them? Did you read them?

Background:

Community signs are important because they give us information, help us find places, warn us about dangerous things, and communicate different messages to us. If we didn't have community signs, people would not have as much information. For example, if there were no sign for the post office, it would be very difficult to find it! Reading community signs is an important skill that helps us live in our community.



In pairs for 5 minutes, ask and answer these questions:

Think about the different kinds of signs you see around the community:

- On the bus
- When you're driving
- At the store
- At school
- In the parking lot
- At the doctor

Talk about the pictures below. What does each sign mean?



Share your partner's answers with the group.

**Discussion Questions:**

Why are there signs in the community?

What kind of information do you get from signs?

Is all information on signs important?

How do you know if a sign is important or not?

In your opinion, what is the most important sign in the community? Why?

Which signs do you see everyday?

Do you look at signs when you're finding a new place?

Why are some signs different colors?

Do all signs have words? Which signs only have pictures?

In your native country, are there many community signs? Why or why not?

In your native country, do most signs have words or pictures on them?

Do you read signs when you're driving? What are some examples of road signs?

What do you do if you don't understand a sign?

What do you do if you can't read a sign?

Have you ever misunderstood a sign? What happened?

How can you ask for help reading a sign?

Is there a community sign you always see, but you do not understand what the sign means? Describe it to the class.

Are you allowed to touch or change community signs?

Are there any signs near your house or work? What do they say or mean?

**New words and Idioms:**

Information, dangerous, message, communication