

DSA Show Me Tell Me Questions

DSA Driving tests now include "Show Me Tell Me" at the start of your driving test

You'll do this before your drive. You'll answer two basic car maintenance questions

Examiners wear distinctive fluorescent yellow jackets and should take any steps necessary to keep you safe during this test

Ready?

- **"Open the bonnet, identify where you would check the engine oil level and tell me how you would check that the engine has sufficient oil"**

Open the bonnet identify dipstick /oil level indicator, describe oil level check against the minimum/maximum markers

- **"Open the bonnet, identify the windscreen washer reservoir and tell me how you would check the windscreen washer level"**

Open the bonnet, identify reservoir and explain how to check level

- **"Open the bonnet, identify where you would check the engine coolant level and tell me how you would check that the engine has the correct level"**

Open the bonnet identify high/low level markings on header tank where fitted or radiator filler cap, and describe how to top up to correct level. Radiators are only opened with a cold engine

- **"Open the bonnet, show me how you would check that you have a safe level of hydraulic brake fluid"**

Open the bonnet, identify brake fluid reservoir and explain how to check level

- **"Show me how you would check the parking brake for excessive wear"**

Demonstrate by applying parking brake so that when it is fully applied it secures the car and is not at the end of its working travel. Keep your foot on the footbrake

- **"Show me how you would check that the horn is working"**

Sound horn by using the appropriate device *(off road only, turn on ignition if necessary)*

- **"Show me how you would clean the windscreen using the washers and wipers"**

Operate control to wash and wipe windscreen *(turn on ignition if necessary)*

- **"Show me /explain how you would check that the power assisted steering is working before starting a journey"**

If steering becomes heavy the system may not be working properly. After starting the engine two simple checks can be made. Gentle pressure on the steering wheel should result in a slight but noticeable movement as the system begins to operate. Or, turn the steering wheel as you move off, you will get an immediate indication that the power assistance is working

- **"Show me how you would check that the direction indicators / hazard warning lights are working"**

Apply the indicators / hazard warning switch and check all indicators

- **"Show me how you would check that the brake lights are working on this car"**

Use reflections in windows, garage doors etc, or ask someone to check *(turn on ignition)*

- **"Tell me how you would check that the brakes are working correctly before starting a journey"**

Brakes should not feel spongy or slack. Brakes should be tested as you set off. Vehicle should not pull to one side when you brake

- **"Tell me how you would check that the headlights and tail lights are working"**

Explain: Operate switch and then walk around vehicle. *(You do not need to leave the car to check the lights)*

- **"Tell me where you would find the information for the recommended tyre pressures for this car and how tyre pressures should be checked"**

Manufacturer's guide, use a reliable pressure gauge, check and adjust pressures when tyres are cold, don't forget spare tyre, remember to refit valve caps

- **"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"**

No cuts or bulges, 1.6mm of tread depth across the central $\frac{3}{4}$ of the tyre and around the entire outer circumference. Remember your spare tyre

- **"Show me how you would switch from dipped headlight to main beam. Explain how you would know the main beam is on whilst inside you car"**

Operate switch *(turn on ignition if necessary)* check for the main beam warning light

- **"Show me how you would set the demister controls to clear both front and rear windscreens effectively"**

Set relevant controls which include: fan, temperature, air direction and source, plus heated screen controls. *(Do not start engine)*

- **"Tell me how you would make sure your head restraint is correctly adjusted to provide the best protection in the event of a crash"**

The head restraint should be adjusted so that the rigid part of the restraint is at least as high as the eyes or top of the ears. The restraint should be as close to the back of the head as is comfortably possible *(Not all head restraints are adjustable)*

- **"Show me how you would switch on the rear fog lights and explain when you would use them"**

Operate switch (*stay in the car turn on ignition if necessary and select dipped beam*) Check fog warning light is on
Explain when you would use them

- **"Tell me how you would know if there was a problem with the anti lock braking system"**

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