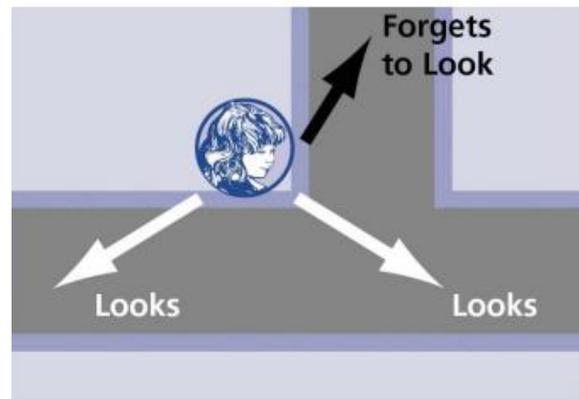


Phase 3 – Crossing Safely near Junctions

Choose a simple junction where you have a clear view down all roads. Explain to the children that a junction is where two or more roads meet together and it is important to look down all roads before they cross. Children will often only look Right and Left even at a junction, it is important to teach them to look down all of the roads.



- Find a kerbside position offering a view down all streets, stop and stand still with toes behind the kerb
- Keeping feet still, turn head to look over right shoulder (we always look right first). From that position, look in a full circle to the front and round until looking over left shoulder.
- From the right, count the number of roads from which traffic might approach (on a simple T junction this number will be three)
- Check whether or not, there is a clear view down ALL of the roads
- If there is not a clear view down ALL of the roads, recognise that the crossing point is not safe – a safe place to cross is somewhere you can see clearly in all directions.
- Move away to a safe crossing point where vision of the roads is clear in all directions (this may mean moving away from the junction altogether).
- If there is a clear view down each road – starting with the road on the right look down each road and if there is no traffic on any road proceed to cross, looking and listening.
- Explain to the children that crossing at junctions often requires patience as there are lots of different ways that traffic can approach from.



In total, 4 sessions of Junctions training should be carried out to allow the children time to understand the complexity of crossing at a junction.