



# The Priority System



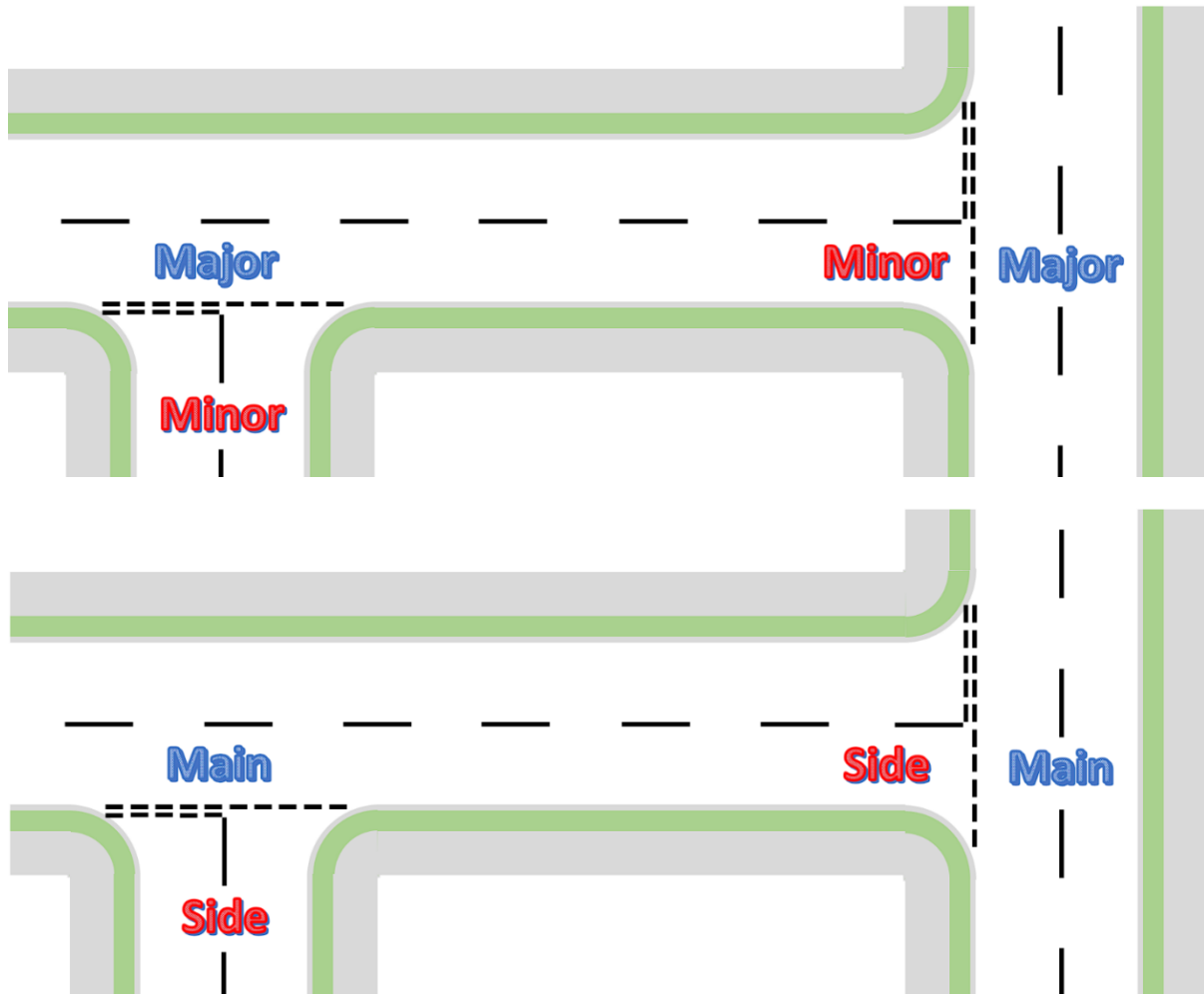


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## When is a side road not a side road?



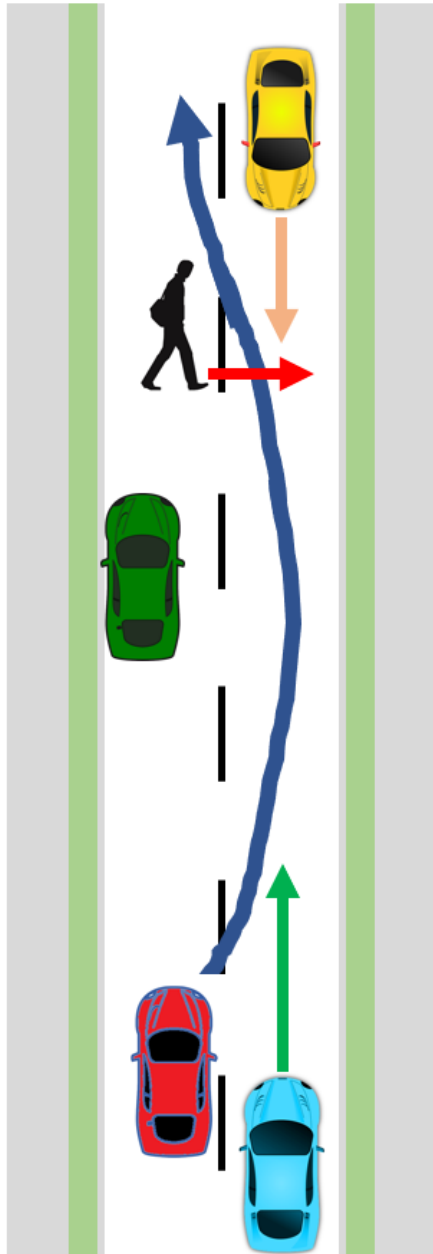
A road can be a side road AND a main road; it's all relative; it's junction specific not road specific.

### Note:

1. There are two lines where we exit a junction and only 1 where we enter.
2. The terms Major and Main roads mean the same thing, as do Minor and Side roads.

## You crossed a line!

Simply put, if you cross a line (or where a line would have been if they bothered to paint the roads) and you hit something, you were wrong to cross that line!



In this example the red car is trying to go around the parked green car; red has to cross the centre of the road.

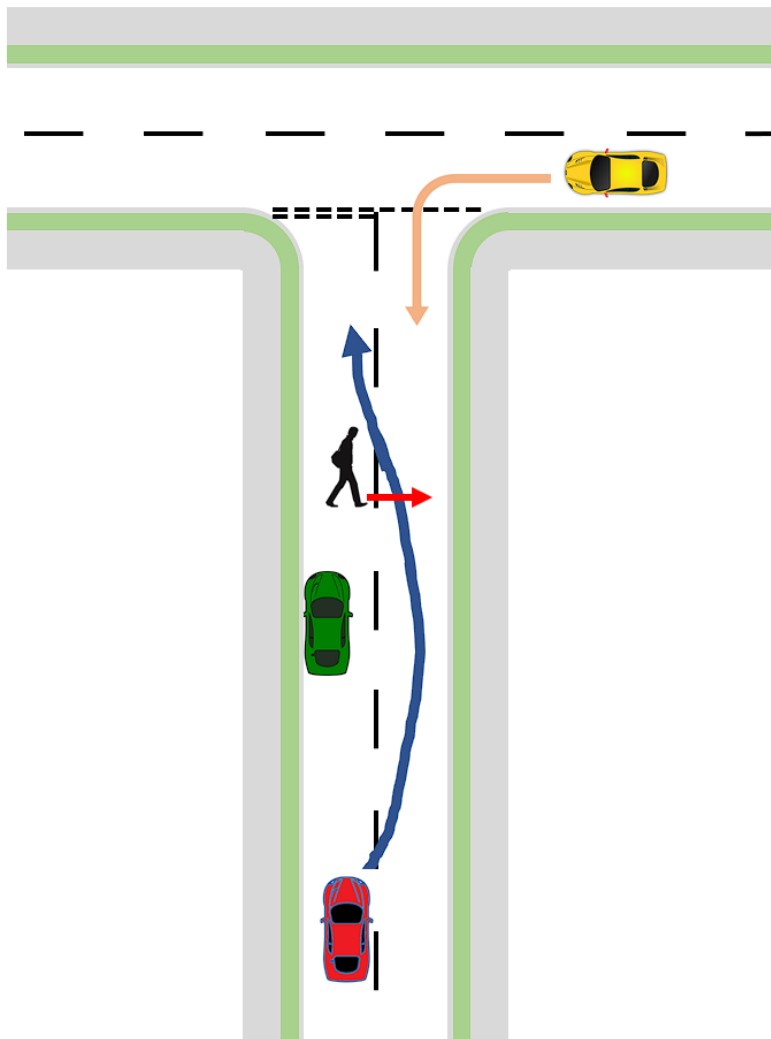
Unfortunately, the other lane is occupied by the blue car, the yellow car and there's a pedestrian in the way as well.

You must take into account the route you are going on and see if there's anything on that route. I don't care if that thing should or should not be there. If you change position and hit something, it's your fault.

**The priority system only kicks in when 2 people turn up at the same time but no one has actually committed to doing something yet; otherwise it's first come, first served!**

**It's all about timing!**

## Turning left in



In this example, yellow is turning left in the side road and is crossing a line.

They must consider:  
There could be a pedestrian in the road.  
The red car could already be passing the green car.

**Timing is critical here:**  
If the pedestrian is in the road then all vehicles should give way.

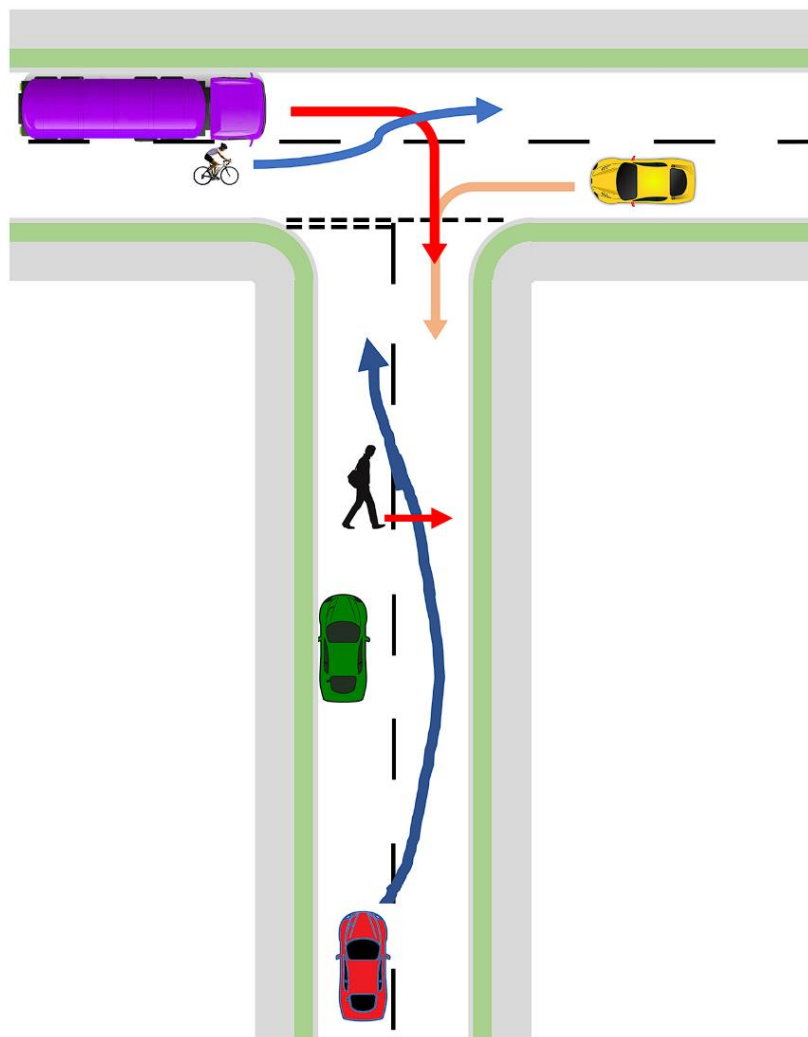
If Red is already passing parked Green then Yellow should give way to Red.

If Yellow has already turned in before Red has approached Green, then Red must give way to Yellow.

So as you can see, it's about who is in the lane (or will be by the time you get there) when you want to use it.



## Turning right in



Now we have a purple lorry turning right into a side road.

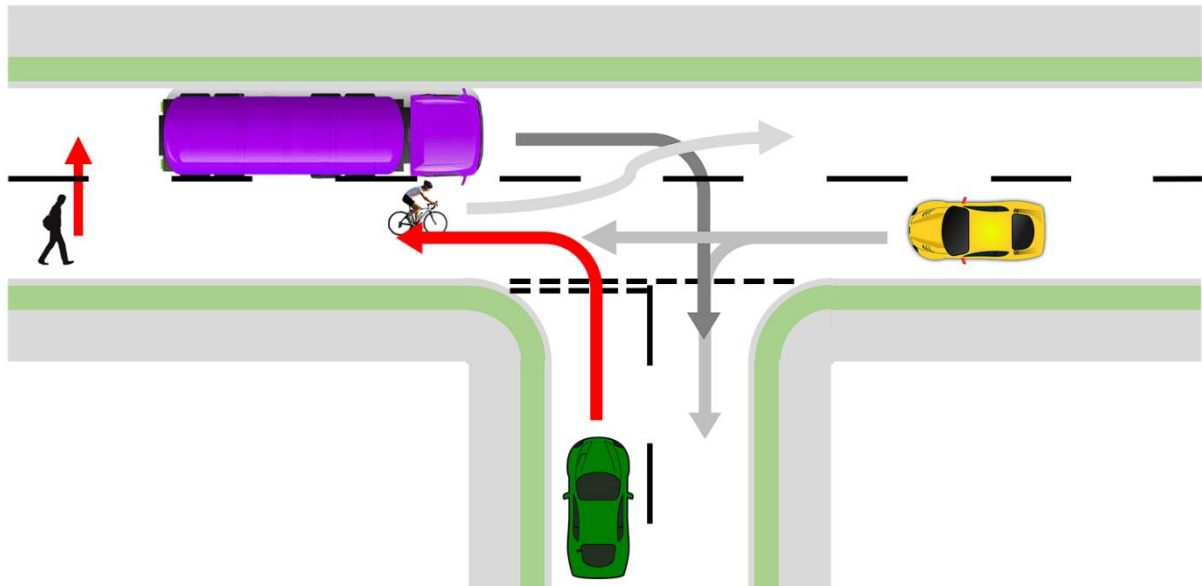
He is crossing two lines, the centre line and the give way line.

Before he can turn right, he must make sure:

1. He isn't being overtaken by a bike or similar; if he is, he must wait
2. He doesn't affect the yellow car
3. He doesn't affect anyone in the side road
4. He can get fully into the side road before he has to stop again. He cannot stop half way, thus blocking the main road with the rear of his lorry.

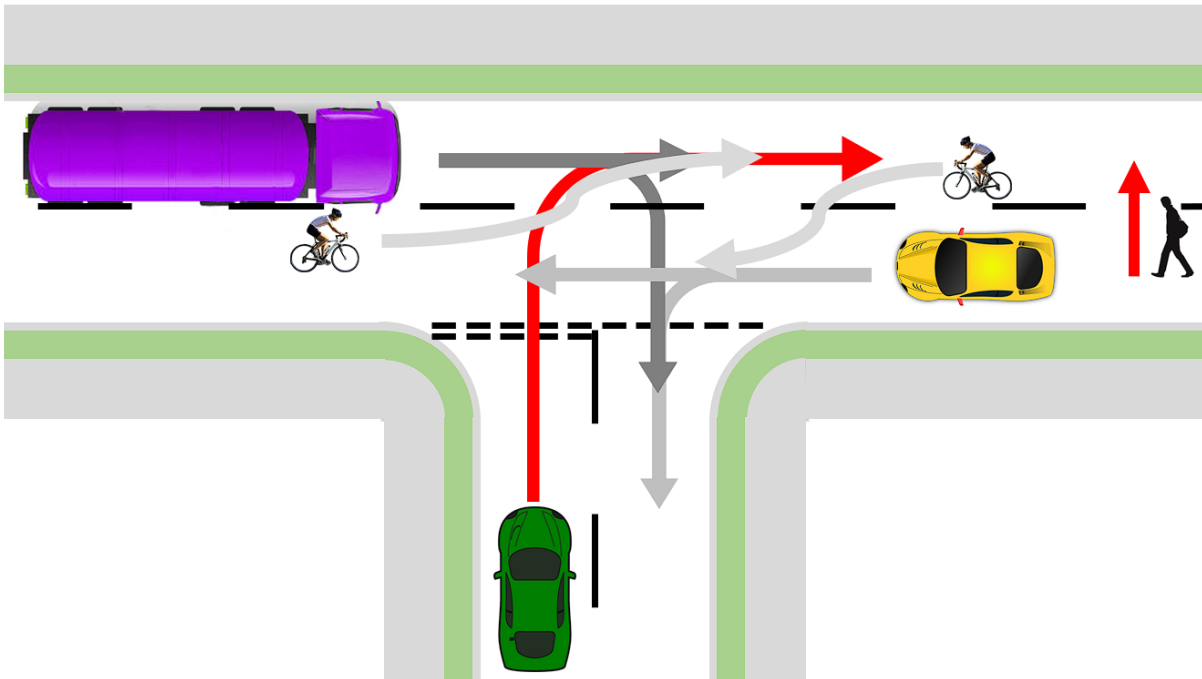
He is welcome to turn before the yellow car turns up or after the yellow car has passed but he can't turn if he would cause the yellow car to take evasive action.

## Turning left or right out



Green car is emerging; before he can turn left, he must make sure:

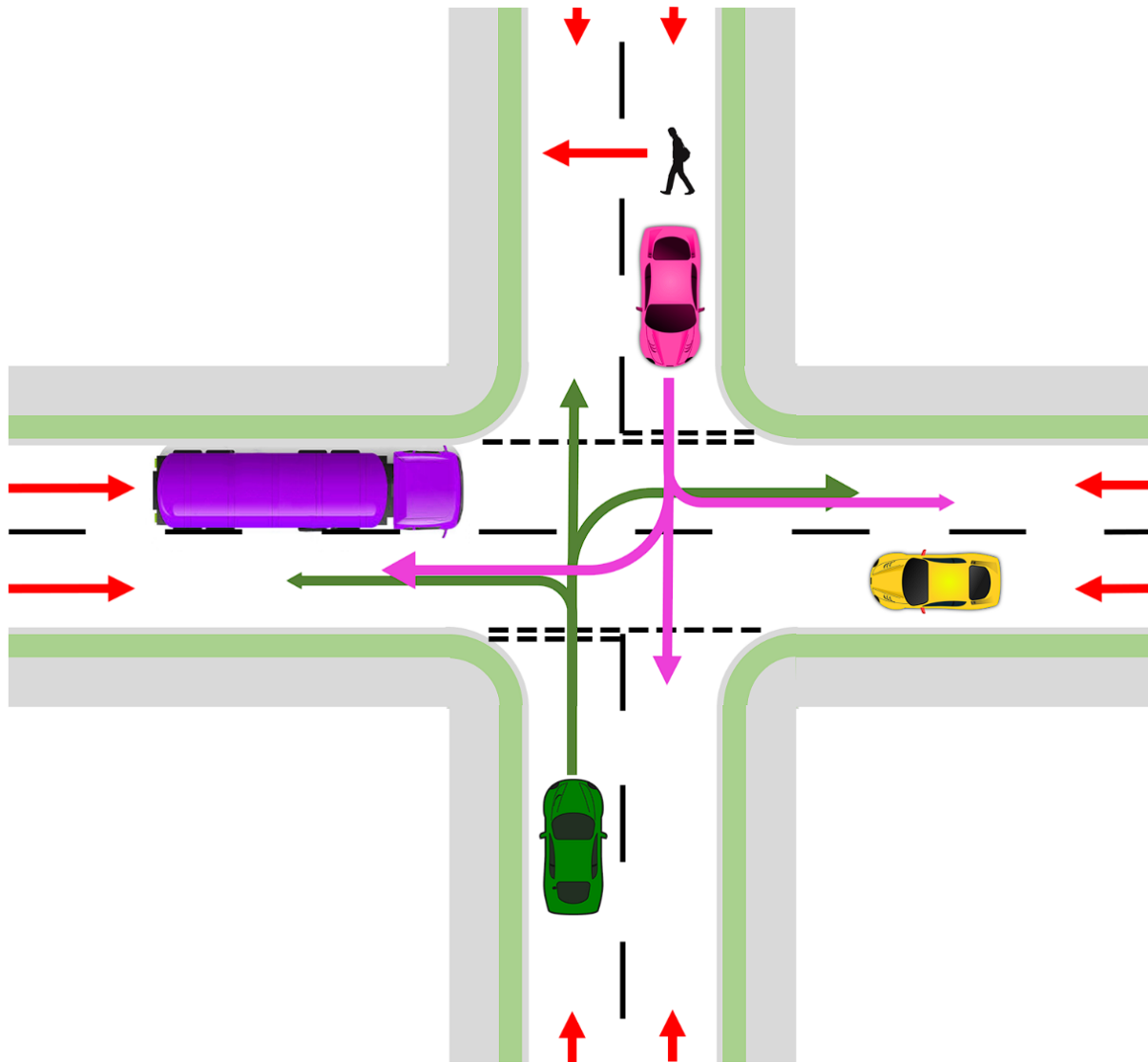
1. He doesn't affect anyone on his route, i.e. the cyclist or pedestrian
2. He doesn't affect the yellow car if it carries onwards and doesn't turn into the side road



Green car is emerging; before he can turn right, he must make sure:

1. He doesn't affect anyone on his route, i.e. both the cyclists or pedestrian
2. He doesn't affect the yellow car if it carries onwards and doesn't turn into the side road
3. He doesn't affect the purple lorry

## Crossroads



Note: The red arrows show where something COULD be coming at you; doesn't matter if that's logical or not, it could be happening, so you need to cater for it.

Treat this like a usual T-junction if you are on the main road.

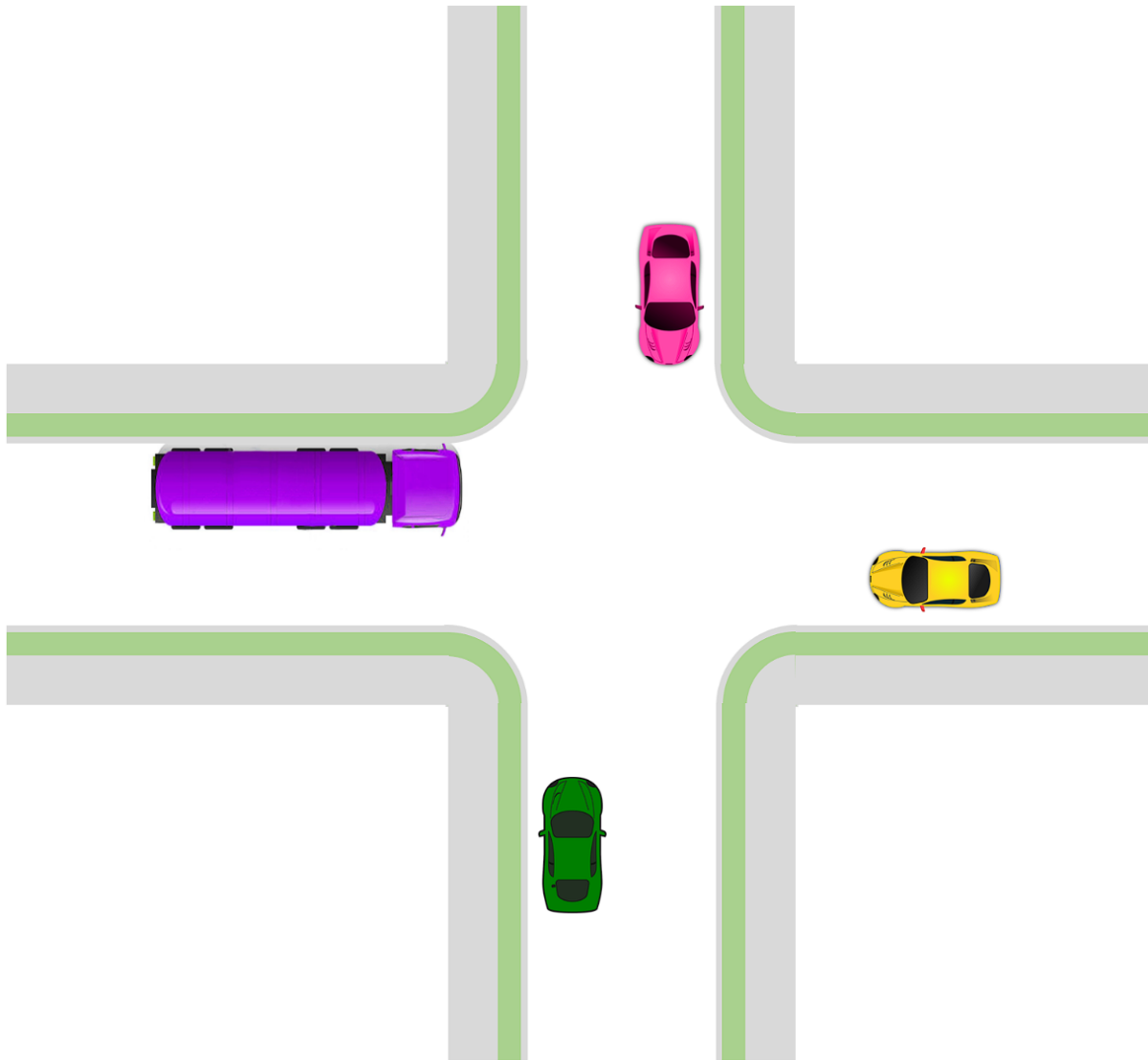
You give way to the main road when you are in a side road.

If you have two vehicles in the side roads opposite each other, there is no priority. If you are not going to cross each other's path, e.g. pink going ahead and green turning left, then you don't need to worry about the car opposite.

If one of you is turning right, you gain eye contact and work out between you who should go first. If in doubt, do not move.



## What if there are no lines?



Treat this with extreme caution.

There is no main road or side road.

It is on a first come, first served basis.

Because there are no road markings or signs, it is very easy for someone to not even see the junction in front of them. Remember that the vehicle approaching, might not see the junction and just drive through at high speed.

You should approach slowly, check in all directions and go when you can do your route without causing someone to swear, swerve, slow or soil themselves.

