

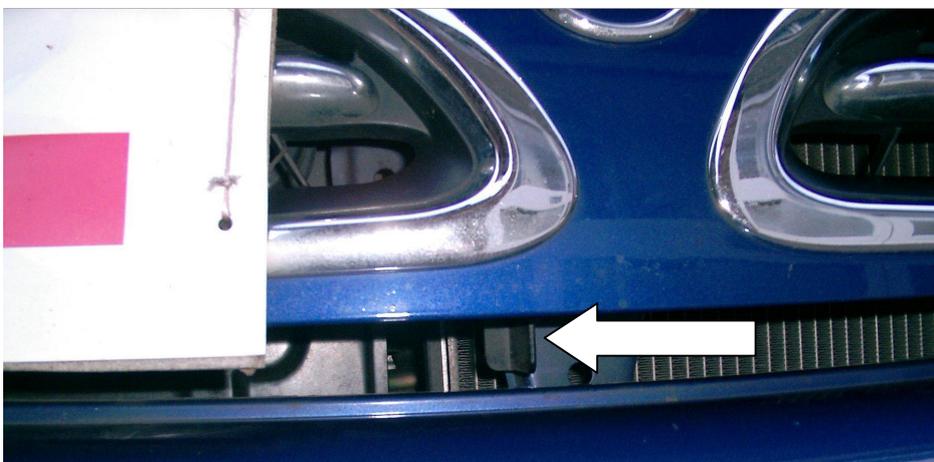
W E Lewis Driving School

Show me, Tell me.

At the start of the practical Driving Test, the examiner will ask candidates two questions related to basic car maintenance and safety. One question will take the form of "Show me" and one question will take the form of "Tell me." An incorrect answer to either or both questions will result in a Driving Fault (minor fault). All the combinations of questions that can be used, along with the correct answers for each question, are listed at the end of this document. In order to answer some of the questions it may be necessary to open the bonnet. Instructions on how to open the bonnet are below:



Step 1: From inside the car pull the handle (arrowed) towards you.



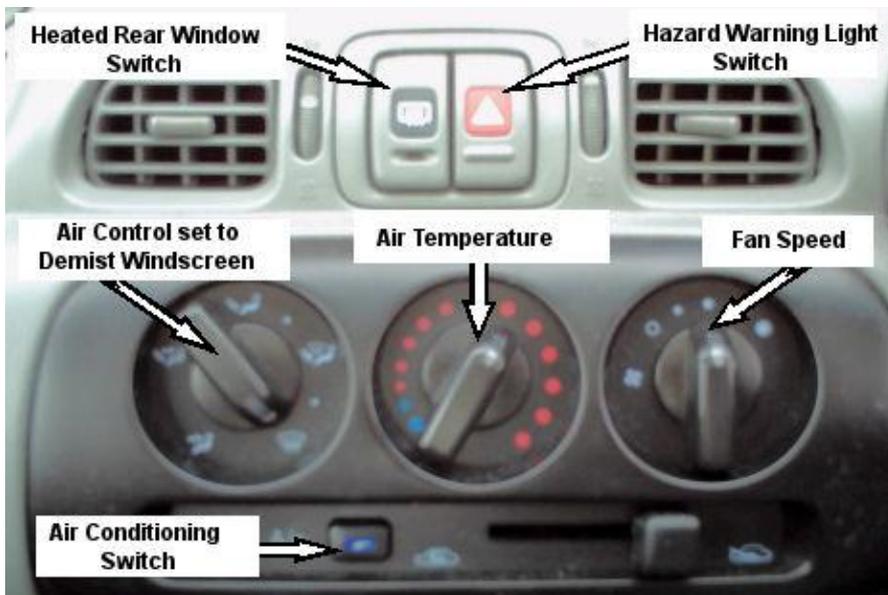
Step 2: From the front of the car, push the lever (arrowed) to your left. Lift the bonnet and secure it by lifting the bonnet stay and locating the end in the appropriate hole on the underside of the bonnet.

Having opened the bonnet, the items that you may need to identify are pictured and labelled below:



- 1 **Bonnet Stay**
- 2 **Windscreen Washer Reservoir**
- 3 **Power Steering Fluid Reservoir**
- 4 **Brake Fluid Reservoir**
- 5 **Engine Oil Filler Cap**
- 6 **Engine Oil Dipstick**
- 7 **Engine Coolant Reservoir (Expansion Tank)**

Not all of the questions require you to open the bonnet. Some just need a knowledge of the controls on the inside of the car along with the associated warning lights. The information needed to answer the questions is given in the pictures below:





Combination Show /Tell	Question	Answer
1 Show me	Show me how you would check that the Direction Indicators are working.	Applying the indicators or hazard warning switch and check functioning of all indicators. (May need to switch ignition on, prompt not to start engine.
1 Tell me	Tell me how you would check that the brakes are working 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.
2 Show me	Show me how you would check that the brake lights are working on this car. (I can assist you, if you need to switch the ignition on, please don't start the engine.)	Operate brake pedal, make use of reflections in windows, garage doors, etc, or ask someone to help. (may need to switch ignition on, prompt not to start engine.)
2 Tell me	Identify where the windscreen washer reservoir is and tell me how you would check the windscreen washer level.	Identify reservoir and explain how to check level.
3 Show me	Show me / explain how you would check that the power assisted steering is working before starting a journey.	If the steering becomes heavy the system may not be working properly. Before starting a journey two simple checks can be made. Gentle pressure on the steering wheel, maintained while the engine is started, should result in a slight but noticeable movement as the system begins to operate. Alternatively, turning the steering wheel just after moving off will give an immediate indication that the power assistance is functioning.
3 Tell me	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.
4 Show me	Show me how you would check the parking brake (handbrake) for excessive wear, make sure you keep safe control of the vehicle.	Apply footbrake firmly. Demonstrate by applying the handbrake so that when it is fully applied it secures itself, and is not at the end of the working travel.
4 Tell me	Identify where the windscreen washer reservoir is and tell me how you would check the windscreen washer level.	Identify reservoir and explain how to check level.
5 Show me	Open the bonnet, identify where you would check the engine oil	Identify dipstick / oil level indicator, describe check of oil level against the

	level and tell me how you would check that the engine has sufficient oil.	minimum / maximum markers.
5 Tell me	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.
6 Show me	Open the bonnet, identify where you would check the engine coolant level and tell me how you would check the engine has the correct level.	Identify high / low level markings on header tank where fitted or radiator filler cap, and describe how to top up to correct level.
6 Tell me	Tell me how you make sure your head restraint is correctly adjusted so it provides the best protection in the event of a crash.	The head restraint should be adjusted so the rigid part of the head restraint is at least as high as the eye or top of the ears, and as close to the back of the head as comfortable. N.B. Some head restraints might not be adjustable.
7 Show me	Open the bonnet, identify where the brake fluid reservoir is and tell me how you would check that you have a safe level of hydraulic brake fluid.	Identify reservoir, check level against high / low markings.
7 Tell me	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 and bulges, 1.6mm of tread depth across the central three quarters of the breadth of the tyre and around the entire outer circumference.
8 Show me	Show me how you would check that the horn is working (off road only).	Check is carried out by using control (turn on ignition if necessary).
8 Tell me	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 and bulges, 1.6mm of tread depth across the central three quarters of the breadth of the tyre and around the entire outer circumference.
9 Show me	Show me how you would clean the windscreen using the windscreen washer and wipers.	Operate control to wash and wipe windscreen (turn on ignition if necessary).
9 Tell me	Tell me how you would check that the brakes are working 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
10 Show me	Show me how you would set the demister controls to clear all the windows effectively, this should	Set all relevant controls including: fan, temperature, air direction / source and heated rear screen to clear windscreen

	include both front and back screens.	and windows. Engine does not have to be started for this demonstration.
10 Tell me	Tell me how you would check that the headlights and tail lights are working. (No need to exit vehicle)	Explanation: Operate switch (turn on ignition if necessary), then walk around vehicle. (As this is a “Tell Me” question, there is no need to physically check the lights.)
11 Show me	Show me how you would switch on the rear fog light(s) and explain when you would use them. (No need to exit vehicle).	Operate switch (turn on dipped headlights and ignition if necessary). Check warning light is on. Explain use.
11 Tell me	Tell me how you would know if there was a problem with your anti lock braking system.	Warning light should illuminate if there is a fault with the anti lock braking system.
12 Show me	Show me how you would check that the brake lights are working on this car. (I can assist you, if you need to switch the ignition on, please don't start the engine.)	Operate brake pedal, make use of reflections in windows, garage doors, etc, or ask someone to help. (may need to switch ignition on, prompt not to start engine.)
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13 Show me	Show me how you switch your headlights from dipped to main beam and explain how you would know the main beam is on whilst inside the car.	Operate switch (with ignition on if necessary), check with main beam warning light.
13 Tell me	Tell me how you would know if there was a problem with your anti lock braking system.	Warning light should illuminate if there is a fault with the anti lock braking system.

