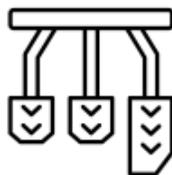


Lesson 3 - Beginners

Prepare

With your left foot press the clutch pedal fully down and put the car into 1st gear. Bring your left foot slowly up to the biting point i.e when you can feel that pull from the car or see the front end slightly lift up.

With your right foot you should now set the gas until you hear a gentle hum from the engine. **KEEP YOUR FEET STILL AT THIS POINT!**



Observe

With your left hand on the handbrake and your right hand on the steering wheel look ahead, then check your centre mirror and right door mirror, if it is safe to move off, **check your blind area** and think if a signal is necessary.



Move

Release the handbrake and press the gas pedal gently while slowly lifting your left foot off the clutch, steer slightly away from the kerb and check your mirrors again.

Using the clutch take a little bit of practice, the main reason for new drivers stalling comes from not keeping your feet still while at the biting point. Other reasons are not enough gas or raising the clutch pedal too quickly. It's one of those skills that once you master it and get the feel for the clutch you will wonder how you ever found it to be so difficult. The most important things to learn from this lesson are the observations as the clutch control skills will soon develop with practice.