



Let's Find Out About It: Traffic Light & Street Sign Colors

Standard
Connection:
ELA.RI.PK4.3
ELA.RF.PK4.3c
SS.FC.PK4.6a

Enduring Understanding(s):

- Color can be used to communicate ideas, thoughts, and feelings.

Essential Question(s):

- How do you make your thinking and learning visible to other people?

Materials	Vocabulary	Books
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Nana in the City</i> • traffic signal photos (see Resource) • road signs - made or purchased - like block area signs (see <i>Blocks Center Resource</i>) 	<p>caution: careful; to avoid danger</p> <p>construction site: a piece of land where a building is to be located</p> <p>street signs: signs used to control traffic</p> <p>traffic lights: lights used to control traffic</p> <p>warn: to tell of possible danger</p>	

Let's Find Out About It:	
Preparation: <i>Set up materials.</i>	
<p>"We have been talking a lot about color. Today, we're going to talk about how color on traffic lights and street signs help us know what to do so we can be safe."</p>	
<p>"In <i>Nana in the City</i>, the boy sees his grandmother waving to him on the corner of the street - right near a traffic light. The light must be red because cars are stopped, and people are crossing the street behind his grandmother."</p>	<p>Show illustrations on pages 1-2.</p>
<p>"Here is a traffic light. When the light is red, drivers stop their car. Before the light turns red it is yellow. When a light is yellow it means proceed with caution; a driver will need to prepare to stop. When the light is green, the traffic can go."</p>	<p>Show photo/image of traffic light.</p>
<p>"Another way to know to stop is a STOP sign that is red. Here a man holds a STOP sign to stop traffic so people can cross the street."</p>	<p>Show illustration on pages 5-6.</p>
<p>"Here Nana and the boy are in a noisy part of the city where these orange cones warn people to stay away from a construction site. Orange is another color that means caution, or slow down."</p>	<p>Show images.</p>
<p>"How are traffic lights and street signs helpful to people?"</p>	<p>Children respond.</p>