



# 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"> <li>• <i>Nana in the City</i></li> <li>• traffic signal photos (see Resource)</li> <li>• road signs - made or purchased - like block area signs</li> </ul>	<p><b>caution:</b> careful; to avoid danger</p> <p><b>construction site:</b> a piece of land where a building is to be located</p> <p><b>street signs:</b> signs used to control traffic</p> <p><b>traffic lights:</b> lights used to control traffic</p> <p><b>warn:</b> to tell of possible danger</p>	

Let's Find Out About It:	
<i>Preparation: Set up materials.</i>	
<p>"We have been talking a lot about color. Today, we're going to talk about how color on <b>traffic lights</b> and <b>street signs</b> 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 <b>traffic light</b>. 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 <b>traffic light</b>. 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 <b>caution</b>; 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 <b>STOP sign</b> that is red. Here a man holds a <b>STOP sign</b> 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 <b>warn</b> people to stay away from a <b>construction site</b>. Orange is another color that means <b>caution</b>, or slow down."</p>	<p>Show images.</p>
<p>"How are <b>traffic lights</b> and <b>street signs</b> helpful to people?"</p>	<p><b>Children respond.</b></p>