



# Let's Find Out About It: Traffic Signs and Signals

Standard Connection:  
ELA.SL.PK4.1b  
ELA.RI.PK4.8  
M.MD.PK4.3

**Enduring Understanding(s):**

- Color can carry information.

**Essential Question(s):**

- How are colors used to communicate ideas, thoughts, and feelings?

Materials	Vocabulary	Books
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>The Lion and the Little Red Bird</i></li> <li>• images of traffic signs and signals (see Resource)</li> </ul>	<p><b>different:</b> not the same; not alike</p> <p><b>information:</b> knowledge or facts that come from a source</p> <p><b>pedestrian:</b> someone walking</p> <p><b>similar:</b> closely the same</p> <p><b>traffic sign/signal:</b> a sign with symbols or words to give instructions</p>	

Let's Find Out About It:	
Preparation: <i>Set up materials.</i>	
"In <i>The Lion and the Little Red Bird</i> , the lion's orange tail reminded the bird of things in nature. What do you notice?"	Show illustrations. <b>Children respond.</b>
"We learned that color names are inspired by foods, nature, and emotions. Colors also give people <b>information</b> ."	
"The colors on <b>traffic signs</b> and <b>traffic signals</b> help drivers and <b>pedestrians</b> - people walking - stay safe."	Show images.
"This is a stop <b>sign</b> . Even if people can't read the word 'stop', they know that when they see this <b>sign</b> they should stop."	
"This <b>sign</b> means 'no parking'- people can't park here. This <b>sign</b> means 'do not enter'. What is <b>similar</b> about these <b>signs</b> ? How do these <b>signs</b> use color to tell people <b>information</b> ?"	<b>Children respond.</b>
"Here is a <b>traffic signal</b> . What do you notice?"	Show image. <b>Children respond.</b>
"Red means <i>stop</i> , yellow means <i>slow down</i> , and green means <i>go</i> ."	
"How is the <b>traffic signal similar</b> to or <b>different</b> from the stop <b>sign</b> , the no parking <b>sign</b> , and/or the do not enter <b>sign</b> ?"	<b>Children respond.</b>