

Useful phrases which could be brought into your commentary

(Can be used in conjunction with the Basics of commentary)

Advance warnings of the white line against me (refers to the turn in arrows on white line)

Hazard markings on road/Hazard lines

Hatch markings on road/separating traffic

Solid white line against me

Solid white line is breaking in my favour

Can see lamp standards so I am coming to a built-up area and anticipating/looking for a speed restriction/change

Approaching road humps with care

Braking down as I come to

Brow of a hill, so I'm moving to the nearside out of danger/positioning for safety

Bus stop ahead, possibility of oil on road/people crossing, running/not giving full attention to other traffic

Brake lights on vehicles ahead/in the distance, so am anticipating hazard, mirror, easing off gas/braking

Warning sign, I can't read what it says yet, but will clarify when I get closer

Warning sign, side road left/right I can't see junction, it is/isn't clear, it's safe for me to proceed

Warning sign double bend first left then right, or vice versa

Vision/view opening up

Limit point running

Matching limit point

Loosing vision/view loosing speed

Warning sign staggered junction first left then right, or vice versa

Junction to the left/right is clear/one waiting to emerge

Vehicle turning across my path

Vehicle emerging from nearside/offside

Covering the horn/head light flasher in anticipation

I'm on a bus route so watching out for etc.

Pedestrian hazard/ hazard on pavement/looking to cross etc.

Sharp deviation to left/right ahead

Coming to left hand bend so keeping a look out for cyclists/pedestrians on/in road.

Left hand bend, I'm easing out to extend my view but will position for safety/forfeit it for safety if there's any oncoming traffic/opposing traffic

Right hand bend, I'm tucking into the nearside to extend my view

Red or white posts for R/L hand bend

Looking at/for cross-view

Looking across/over the top of hedgerows/wall/fence, I can see, etc.

Easing off as I come to/approach

I'm selecting lower/higher gear, (reason why?)
Am changing down for extra drive/better throttle response
Am changing up to rest the engine
I am increasing speed
Maintain a light throttle
Maintain a safe following distance
Matching speed of other traffic
Camping/caravanning site sign, possibly vehicles turning in holiday times.
Gradient ahead
Using the uphill gradient to help me slow down
Height restrictions apply therefore possibility of approaching vehicles in middle of road.
Opposing traffic/on-coming line/slow moving etc. coming towards me
Opposing traffic/oncoming traffic holding its position
Commercial vehicles coming towards me
Heavy goods (lorry) coming towards me
Traffic/opposing traffic looking for lurkers (those wanting/looking for an overtake)
Position/place for safety
Readjusting position
Cluster of vehicles
I am closing on traffic
Traffic in front is going away from me
Traffic behind is closing on me
Vehicle closing behind me
I am going away from traffic behind
Mirror/s clear
Mirror/s, vehicles behind me at safe/reasonable distance
Manure/dirt on road, so am anticipating horses/animals/slow moving farm machinery ahead /round corner
Roundabout ahead, planning to stop, but preparing/looking for a gap to go
Planning to stop, looking/waiting to go/for gap (at roundabouts)
Holding back for other traffic
Looking for a gap
Got/have eye contact
Merging with other traffic
Timing my approach
Green filter lights, or lack of them
Parked vehicles empty as far as can be seen
Parked vehicles no signs of exhausts/reversing fights/feet or legs/movement
Parked vehicles but no sign of children/adults or animals so am passing with care & leaving as wide a gap as possible
Parked vehicles/wall/house/grass bank/foilage obstructing my view forcing/throwing me out/over white line/into opposing carriageway
Parked vehicles so looking underneath for signs of movement

Road ahead, good long view, clear as far as I can see/traffic build up/vehicle stationary etc.

Loosing vision loosing speed

School entrance/concealed works entrance/hospital/garage, possible hazards so taking extra care/checking mirrors/preparing to slow

View ahead restricted, trying to get a view round parked vehicles/up the side of parked vehicles/under the vehicle in front/from window reflection or shadows (if sun in right direction)

Humpback bridge ahead positioning for safety and sounding horn

Weight restrictions apply

At traffic lights I am looking for motorcycles and cycles coming up my inside whilst I am waiting

Am overtaking a cluster of vehicles but looking for an escape route (multi lane roads)

Sunny day therefore shadows can give away the presence of other road users

Bright light can cause a strobe effect in treed areas

Sun is low in the sky so may be reflected, especially in wet conditions

I am depressing the clutch for over humps, or railway crossing for vehicle sympathy

The above are not meant to be learnt parrot fashion. They are only a guide; similar words could obviously be substituted to suit your own commentary. Never use two words when one will do.