Unit 7: Section 1
Three Types of Parking

Unit Overview
Anyone who drives needs to park. There are three types of parking: perpendicular, angled, and parallel. You are more likely to run into perpendicular and angled parking in parking lots. You are more likely to encounter parallel parking when parking on the side of a street.

Sign Starter Question
Every lesson has a reading assignment. There is an interactive portion that you need to complete to get credit for your reading assignment. The first section of the interactive portion asks you to identify the sign. There will be a sign identification portion on your written test that you will take at the BMV. You must pass this portion in order to get your license. *If you are not sure about the name of a sign, then check Indiana Driver’s Manual Chapter 4.

What sign is this?
Perpendicular Parking
Perpendicular parking can actually be a little bit tricky. Here are some tips for doing it well:
- Don’t get too close to the spot. Try and stay about six to eight feet away before turning.
  - Don’t start turning too early. If you start turning too early, then you are going to get angled in the spot.
  - Turn sharply and completely when turning into the spot. This will get you into the spot quickly and hopefully help to get you straight into the spot.
  - When backing out be careful that the front of your car doesn’t hit the car beside you. Your front end will swing out while you are reversing. Be careful.

Angle Parking
Angle parking is probably the easiest type of parking. You simply need to turn into the spot as you approach it. As with perpendicular parking, just make sure that you don’t start turning too soon.

Parallel Parking
Parallel parking is often intimidating for new drivers. Follow these steps to help get you safely and efficiently into the spot.
  - Signal your intention to park
  - Pull up next to the car in front of the spot.
  - Turn your wheels all the way right.
  - Back up until you are halfway in the spot.
  - Straighten your wheels.
  - Back up until the front of your car is clear of the back of the car in front of you.
  - Turn your wheels all the way left.
  - Back up until you are parallel with the sidewalk.

When leaving the spot you should make sure that you aren’t going to hit the car in front of you, check for traffic, and don’t forget to use your turn signal.

Illegal Parking
There are some places that it is illegal to park:
  - Highways and interstates
  - Intersections, crosswalks, and sidewalks
  - Within 15 feet of a fire hydrant
  - Anywhere with a yellow curb
Ask Your Parents
People sometimes get very scared of parallel parking. Ask your parents to help you practice. If they don’t feel comfortable taking you to a busy street, then try to practice in your driveway, yard, or on a side street behind a single car. Try and follow your steps and drive safe.

Right of Way Quiz
Every lesson has a reading assignment. There is an interactive portion that you need to complete to get credit for your reading assignment. Each interactive portion has a question about the Right of Way Quiz. To get credit for this question you must identify the color of the car that has the right of way in the following example.

A purple car is going straight at a green light, and a red car is turning right at a red light. Who has the right of way?