



Coupling exercise:

The examiner will say something along the lines of "I'd like you to drop this trailer, pull forward and park alongside it please?"

Uncoupling:

Make sure the unit and trailer are in a straight line!

Take your gloves and walk clockwise around the vehicle.

Advise the examiner you'd remove the number plate at this point.

Plate – tell the examiner you'd take the number plate off and stow it in the cab

Brake – Apply parking brake (pull to park)

Legs- Lower trailer legs to the floor

Air lines – Take air lines off, (moving away from you, to avoid getting dirty)

Clip – undo the dog clip

Kingpin – pull the kingpin handle out and to the right

Walk to the cab, climb in using 3 points of contact and start the engine, into drive and pull forward.

Pull forward from the trailer and park along side it – as directed by the examiner.

Handbrake, Neutral and turn off the engine.

OLLY'S DRIVER TRAINING

Coupling:

The examiner will say something along the lines of "I'd like you to couple to this trailer, as if you've never used this trailer before."

Start the engine, into gear, 1,2,3 & 1. Handbrake off and position in front of the trailer, stopping short of it. Handbrake, Neutral and turn the engine off.

Exit the vehicle, using 3 points of contact and close the door.

***** Check the handbrake is applied!!!!!! *****

Check the vehicle is in a legal and roadworthy condition – tyres, mudguards, wheel nuts, light lenses, reflectors, on both sides and rear door is secure, mention the tractor unit is the correct height to couple to the trailer.

Then back climb into the cab, engine on, into reverse, 1,2,3&1, handbrake off and slowly couple to the trailer and when you hear the double 'ker klunk' into forwards and do a minimum of 2 gentle tugs forward to confirm the coupling is attached!

Handbrake, Neutral and turn the engine off.

Exit the truck and attach the dogclip of the kingpin first.

Then walk anti clockwise and attach the air lines – (working furthest away, then towards yourself)

Facing the tractor unit – raise the trailer landing legs.

Handbrake off.

Walk around the back of the trailer, say you'd attach the number plate at this point – anti clockwise, ask the examiner to help you check the lights.

Climb inside the cab, ignition on (electrics only – **NOT** engine).

Separately, check; left and right indicators and brake lights.

The examiner will give a thumbs up for each light. If they ask "Is this vehicle safe for the road?"

***** You have missed something!! *****