

## An easy way to work out stopping distances

20mph =  $\times 2$  = 40 feet  
30mph =  $\times 2.5$  = 75 feet  
40mph =  $\times 3$  = 120 feet  
50mph =  $\times 3.5$  = 175 feet  
60mph =  $\times 4$  = 240 feet  
70mph =  $\times 4.5$  = 315 feet

If you remember that 20 is times 2, 40 is times 3 and 60 is times 4, then you can easily work out all the stopping distances from that formula!  
(Distances above are approximate only)

Thinking Distance is the same as the MPH that you are travelling at

20mph = 20ft  
30mph = 30ft  
40mph = 40ft  
50mph = 50ft  
60mph = 60ft  
70mph = 70ft

This leaves how to work out Braking distance on its own.  
Work out the overall stopping distance using the formula above. Then take away the thinking distance as explained here.  
You are left with the braking distance.

What is the braking distance only when stopping from 40mph?  
Overall stopping is  $(40 \times 3) = 120\text{ft}$ . Thinking distance is 40ft. So braking only distance must be 80ft.