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Shifting Gears

The diagram shows a motorcycle gear shifter with a central pivot point. A horizontal bar is attached to the pivot, with a notch labeled 'N' for neutral. To the left of the pivot, there are five positions labeled 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, with arrows pointing to the left. To the right of the pivot, there are five positions labeled 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, with arrows pointing to the right. The shifter is shown in a neutral position.

Your motorcycle has five forward gears.

To start riding, after the engine has been warmed and the side stand raised:

1. Close the throttle and pull the front brake lever in.
2. Pull the clutch lever all the way in.

3. Depress the shift lever from neutral down to first gear.
4. Release the front brake. Gradually open the throttle while you slowly release the clutch lever.
- If engine rpm (speed) is too low when you release the clutch lever, the engine will stall.
- If engine rpm is too high or you release the clutch lever too quickly, your motorcycle may lurch forward.
5. When you attain a moderate speed, close the throttle, pull the clutch lever in, and raise the shift lever. After shifting, release the clutch lever and apply the throttle.

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