Reference Material
Material de Consulta

Asking and giving directions

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1. Useful phrases: Asking for directions

- *Could you tell me how to get to…?*
- *How do I find…?*
- *Pardon me, I'm lost, how do I get to…?*
- *Which is the best way to…?*
- *Could you direct me to…?*
- *How do I get to…?*
- *What's the best way to…?*
- *Where is…?*
- *Excuse me, How can I go to…?*
- *Can you tell me the way to…?*
- *Excuse me, could you tell me how to get to the bus station*
- *Excuse me, do you know where the post office?*
- *Are you from around here?*
- *I'm looking for this address*
- *Are we on the right road for…?*
- *Is this the right way for…*
- *Do you have a map?*
- *Can you show me on the map?*

2. Useful phrases: Giving directions

- *The easiest way is to…*
- *The quickest way is to…*
- *The best way is to…*
- *Turn back/ Go back*
- *Turn left/ right (into…-street/at the end of…)*
- *Go along…*
- *Cross…*
- *Take the first/ second road on the left/right*
- *It's on the left/right.*
- *Go up/down*
- *It's about 50 meters from here*
- *It's on you right/left*
- *It's in the middle of the block*
- *It's on the corner*
- *It's next to/ across/ between/ in front of…*
- *Drive to… street and turn left/right*
- *Go straight ahead…*
- *It's this way/that way*
- *You're going the wrong way*
- *You're going the wrong direction*
- *Take this road*
- *Go down there*
- *Take the first on the left*
- *Take the second on the right*
- *Turn right at the crossroads*
- *Continue straight ahead for about a mile*
- *Continue past the fire station*

- *You'll pass a supermarket on your left*
- *It'll be on your left/right*
- *It'll be straight ahead of you*

3. Useful phrases: How far is it?

- *Is it far (From here)?*
- *Is it a long way?*
- *How far is it to the airport?*
- *It's not far (From here).*
- *It's just around the corner.*
- *It's quite close.*
- *It's quite a long way.*
- *It takes a while.*
- *It's a long way on foot.*
- *It's a long way to walk.*
- *It's about a five-minute walk.*
- *It's about a ten-minute walk.*
- *It's about a twenty-minute bus ride.*
- *It's about a mile from here.*

4. Useful phrases: If you can't help

- *I'm sorry, I don't know.*
- *Sorry, I'm not from around here.*
- *I'm afraid I can't help you.*
- *You could ask the bus driver.*

5. Useful phrases: Offer warnings

- *Stay in the right lane*
- *It's a very busy road.*
- *It's a big hill (if they are walking or on a bike)*
- *There might be construction.*
- *If you pass the…you went too far.*
- *There's no parking.*

6. Useful phrases: Offer another solution

- *You could ask the bus driver.*
- *Ask the front desk clerk.*
- *Follow me. I'll show you the way.*
- *Do you want me to draw you a map?*