

Giving Directions

READ THE DIALOGUE

Try to memorise as many expressions as possible for role-play.

Andrea Excuse me. Can you tell me how to get to the post office?

Passer-by 1 No, I'm sorry. I don't know. I'm from out of town.

(a minute later)

Andrea Excuse me. Do you know where the post office is?

Passer-by 2 Sure. It's not far from here. Walk straight ahead until you get to Main Street. Then...

Andrea Sorry to interrupt you. How many blocks is that?

Passer-by 2 It's about two or three blocks. It's the first traffic light you come to. When you get to Main Street, turn right and walk one block to Broadway. Then turn left and go about half a block.

Andrea Which side of the street is it on?

Passer-by 2 Coming from this direction, it'll be on your right side. It's in the middle of the block, next to the Sweets Ice Cream Shop. You can't miss it. Do you want me to repeat any of that?

Andrea No. that's okay. I've got it. Thanks a lot.

Passer-by 2 You're welcome.



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Work with your partner. Role-play the dialogue, substituting the different expressions below. Then reverse roles.

Can you tell me how to get to
Can you tell me where the
Do you know where the

the post office?
post office is?
post office is?
the museum
the theatre

How do I get to

the bank?
the zoo?
the school?
the train?

I'm sorry. I don't know.

I'm afraid not.

I'm afraid I can't.

I'm from out of town.

I don't live here. I'm just a visitor.

I really don't know the city very well.

Sure. It's not far from here.

Yes. It's quite close to here.

It's only about a ten minute walk from here.

Walk straight ahead until you get to Main Street.

Walk down the street...

Walk three blocks...

Walk up the block...

Keep walking in this direction until...

How many blocks is that?

It's about two or three blocks.

How far is that?

It's about a five minute walk.

It's the first traffic light you come to.

Turn right.

It's the second intersection you come to.

Turn left.

It'll be on your right side.

It's on your left.



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It's in the middle of the block.

It's at the end of the block.

It's on the corner.

It's next to the Sweets Ice Cream Shop.

It's beside the bank.

It's between the pharmacy and the bank.

It's across the street from a big church.

You can't miss it.

It's easy to find.

Do you want me to repeat any of that?

Is that clear?

Do you understand?

No. That's okay. I've got it.

Yes. It's very clear.

It's okay. I understand.

