

Giving directions drawing games

Choose one of the cards below. Draw something to represent that thing and see if your partner can say what is written on your card, first of all without looking at the list of cards. If they get stuck, circle the important parts of the picture and/ or draw different or opposite things with crosses through them. You can't mime, speak or write words. If your partner still can't guess, they can look at a worksheet with all the cards on it to help.

Ask about any words below which you aren't sure about the meaning of, drawing that thing to show that you understand each time.

Test each other on the synonyms and opposites below. Note that things on the same card sometimes have different meanings. Then ask each other to explain differences words between words there and other similar things.

Directions vocabulary with opposites in the cards underneath

in front of	below/ under/ beneath...	towards the bus stop
behind/ in back of	above/ over...	away from the bus stop
to the northwest	in the east	on your right/ to your right/ on the right (hand side)
to the southeast	in the west	on your left/ to your left/ on the left (hand side)
clockwise	turn right and right again	(go) downstairs
anti-/ counter-clockwise	turn left and left again	(go) upstairs
It's in(side).	turn right/ hang a right/ take a right turn	on the roof
It's outside.	turn left/ hang a left/ take a left turn	in the basement
far from	cross the road/ across the road	go straight (on/ ahead)

Directions vocabulary with synonyms on the same card

next to/ by/ beside...	in the town centre/ within the town centre/ downtown	down the corridor/ along the corridor
take the second (turning on your) right	go past/ pass...	(go) round/ around...
take the lift/ take the elevator	roundabout/ traffic circle	stoplights/ traffic lights/ traffic signals
(T) junction/ intersection/ crossroads	subway/ The Tube/ underground (railway)	platform 2/ track 2
apartment/ flat	apartment block/ apartment building/ block of flats	liquor shop/ off license/ offie
chemist's/ pharmacy	petrol station/ gas station	car park/ parking lot
crosswalk/ pedestrian crossing/ zebra crossing	phone box/ public phone/ phone booth	ATM/ cashpoint/ cash machine
flyover/ overpass	laundrette/ laundromat	pavement/ sidewalk
buzzer/ intercom	(public) toilet/ bathroom/ restroom	Could you say that again?/ Could you repeat that?
Pardon?/ Sorry, I didn't catch that.	Excuse me?/ Sorry to disturb you.	It takes 5 minutes/ It's 5 minutes from here.
ticket barrier/ turnstile		

Directions with common confusions

on the corner	pond/ lake	bus stop
in the corner	mansion	bus station/ bus terminal/ coach station

high-rise building/ skyscraper	(street/ flea) market	church/ cathedral
path	driveway	stream/ river/ canal
cable car	hill	mountain/ peak
island	peninsula	fountain

Other directions to draw

between... and...	opposite...	through
take the escalator	on the third floor	on the top floor
highway/ motorway	amusement park/ theme park	factory/ plant
castle	zoo	aquarium
cul-de-sac	valley/ canyon	bay/ harbour
vending machine	smoking area	on foot
by train	by taxi	by bus
sculpture/ statue	cloakroom	cigarette machine
first aid kit	(swimming) pool	(baseball/ football) stadium
two blocks	billboard	pedestrianised street