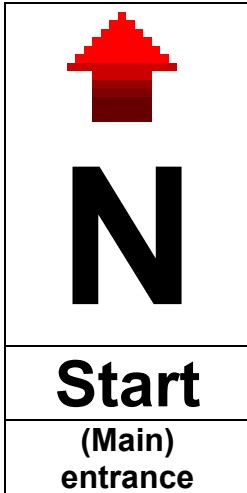


Giving directions free and controlled speaking

Place the “N” card on the table or floor, preferably really facing North, and the “Start” or “Entrance” card near the bottom or left of the table or floor.



Choose one card and ask your partner where to put it on the table or floor (or on pieces of paper representing different floors inside a building). They can give directions and/ or positions, e.g. “Go straight for five seconds. Turn right. Go straight one centimetre” and/ or “It’s opposite the house”. Silly places (“The school is under the hospital” etc) are also OK. To make you speak and listen more, you aren’t allowed to use gestures. If anything isn’t clear, please repeat and/ or explain in a different way. If your partner says “in”, fold the other piece of paper and put it around that card. Blank spaces and blank cards mean you can write your choice of place on the card before you ask.

Change roles and do the same again with different cards. Continue asking about positions and placing cards in the places that are said until all the cards are finished, until there is no more space on the table, or until your teacher stops the game.

Variations

If your teacher gives you the list of key words or useful phrases, cross them off each time that you use them, and try to use at least one new one each time. If you are playing for points, you get one point for each new thing on the list that you use.

Instead of placing the cards, it is also possible to draw and/ or write the names of things on the board and/ or paper.

You can also ask for a recommendation, then ask for directions to that place.

More controlled giving directions speaking

After you finish, give instructions to one of those places and see if your partner can understand which you are describing.

Useful phrases for asking for and giving directions

Tick off phrases below as you use them, trying to use at least one new one each time.

Starting the conversation

- Excuse me. (Can you help me?)
- Sorry to disturb you. (I'm a bit lost.) (Do you work here?)

Asking for directions

- Is there a/an ... (around/ near) here?
- Do you know the way to...?
- Do you know how to get to...?
- Do you know where... is/ are?
- Can you tell me where... is/ are?
- Could you tell me the way to...?
- I'm trying to find/ I'm looking for...
- Can you recommend...?

Giving directions

- It takes (about) ... seconds (on foot/ by taxi/ by car).
- It is (about)... seconds/ centimetres/ millimetres (North/ South/...)
- Go towards/ Head towards...
- Go straight (on/ ahead) – Go back (... minutes/... metres).
- Go past/ Pass...
- Go along...
- Go across/ Cross...
- Go through...
- Go around...
- Go over...
- Turn left (and left again)/ Take the... street/ corridor/ turning/ door on the left
- It's the first/ second/ third/...th (turning/ door) on your right.
- It's downstairs/ Go down the stairs. – It's upstairs/ Go up the stairs.
- You will see it/ a... next to/ in front of/ opposite/ behind/... you.
- It's (just/ right) next to/ beside/ by...
- It's (directly) opposite...
- It's (just/ right) in front of... – It's (just/ right) behind...
- It's on/ above/ over... – It's below/ under/ beneath...
- It's near/ close to...
- It's between... and...
- It's on (the corner of) ... Street/ Road/ Avenue/... (and...)
- It's on this/ the next/ the first/ second / third/ fourth/ ...th floor.
- You will see...

Checking/ Clarifying/ Confirming

- Sorry, can you say that again (a little more slowly)?
- Sorry, did you say...?/ Sorry, do you mean...?
- Can I check that back?

Ending giving directions/ Ending conversations

- Okay, got it (now), thanks.
- (That's very clear.) Thanks for your help.
- (You're welcome./ No problem.) Have a good day.

Key words for asking for and giving directions

If your teacher tells you to, cross off the words below as you use them, trying to use at least one new thing each time, with one point for each if you are scoring points.

- ... (centi)metres
- ... and... again
- ... seconds/ minutes
- above/ over
- along
- around
- behind
- between
- close to/ near
- corner
- cross/ across
- down
- east
- far
- first...
- from here
- get to
- how
- in
- (right) in front of you
- it takes
- keep...
- left
- (right) next to/ by
- north (east/ west)
- on the.../ on your...
- opposite
- pass/ past
- right
- second...
- south (...)
- straight (ahead/ on)
- take the
- the end
- through
- towards
- turn
- under/ below
- until
- up
- way
- west
- you will see

Outdoors vocabulary cards with basic vocabulary in **bold**

art gallery/ museum/ The _____ Museum	ATM/ cash machine/ cashpoint	bank/ _____ Bank
bar/ pub	barber('s)/ hairdresser's/ hair salon	beach/ _____ Beach
bookshop	bus station/ coach station	bus stop (for...)
café/ coffee shop	Chinese restaurant	cinema/ movie theater
clinic/ _____ Clinic	convenience store	department store
Green Road	gym/ sports centre	hospital/ _____ Hospital
hotel/ _____ Hotel	Indian restaurant/ curry house	Japanese restaurant
library/ _____ Library	music shop	park/ _____ Park
pet shop/ _____ Pets	phone booth/ phone box/ public telephone	post box
post office	shopping centre/ shopping mall	sport shop
(train) station	supermarket	(outdoor/ indoor) pool/ swimming pool
(public) toilet	toy shop	somewhere I can _____
_____ Alley	amusement arcade/ video arcade	animal hospital/ vet's
_____ Flats/ _____ Apartments	aquarium	B&B/ bed and breakfast
bureau de change	campsite	canal/ _____ Canal

castle/ _____ Castle	chemist's/ pharmacy	church/ cathedral/ _____ Church
concert hall/ opera house	club/ nightclub/ disco	college/ university/ _____ University
(zebra/ pedestrian) crossing	dry cleaner's	estate agent/ real estate agent/ realtor
_____ Hill	hostel/ youth hostel	kindergarten/ nursery school/ _____ Kindergarten
lake/ pond/ _____ Lake/ _____ Pond	launderette/ laundromat	London Road
Main Street	flea market/ _____ Market	antiques market/ _____ Market
farmers' market/ _____ Market	Sunday market/ _____ Market	mountain/ _____ Mountain
off license/ liquor store	_____ Building	pet salon
petrol station/ gas station	police box/ police station	(ferry) port
river/ _____ River	riverfront/ waterside	roundabout/ traffic circle
primary school/ elementary school	secondary school/ high school	the statue of _____
sea/ seaside	shrine/ temple/ _____ Shrine/ _____ Temple	smoking area
souvenir shop	underground station/ tube station/ subway station	(conveyor belt) sushi bar
taxi rank	theatre/ _____ Theatre	theme park/ amusement park
(baseball/ football/ ...) stadium/ ground/	tram stop/ streetcar stop	zoo/ _____ Zoo

Places in an office building vocabulary cards

_____	_____	_____	_____
Limited/ Ltd	Associates	Corp	Japan
_____	_____	_____	_____
PLC	Inc.	Corporation	Partners
ATM/ cash machine/ cashpoint	balcony	bin/ garbage can/ trashcan	board room
building management office	caretaker/ janitor	cloakroom	cleaners
café/ coffee shop	cafeteria/ canteen	car park/ parking lot	cigarette machine
clinic/ (doctor's) surgery	convenience store	courtyard	disabled toilet
drinks machine	elevator hall	emergency exit	emergency staircase
escalator to the mezzanine	express elevator	fire extinguisher	first aid kit
(sunken/ rooftop) garden	lift/ elevator	locker room/ changing room	locker(s)
lost property office	meeting room	Mr _____'s office	Ms _____'s office
night entrance/ out of hours entrance	(jobs/ residents') noticeboard	parking space	patio
phone box/ public telephone	post box	rear entrance/ back entrance	reception (desk)/ front desk
sculpture/ statue	security gate/ security barrier	security guards' office	smoking area/ smoking room
mop (and bucket)	somewhere I can sit	somewhere I can charge my phone	somewhere I can buy _____

somewhere I can get _____	somewhere I can _____	somewhere I can get rid of _____	staff room
stairs to the basement	taxi rank	teleconference room	terrace
the _____ department	the _____ division	toilet/ rest-/ powder-/ bathroom	vending machine
water fountain	wheelchair ramp	wifi hotspot	somewhere I can leave _____

Things and places in an office vocabulary

a/ the cable for...	the assistant/ vice...	(recycling) bin/ trashcan	(extra) chairs
coffee	coffee machine	control panel (for the lighting /...)	copy machine/ photocopier
the (extension) cord (for...)	creamer	...’s cubicle	(my/ your/...’s) desk
drawing pins/ thumbtacks	drinks machine	fire extinguisher	the button to turn off.../ to...
glue (stick)/ Pritt stick	the head of...	hole punch	hoover/ vacuum cleaner
kettle	kitchen (area)	(printable/ sticky) labels	(spare/ LED) light bulbs
(radio) mic/ microphone	(...) noticeboard	changing rooms	lockers/ locker room
the CEO’s office/ ...’s office	...’s PA/ secretary	(photocopy/ scrap/ A4/ A3) paper	paperclips
(highlighter/ ballpoint) pens	pencil sharpener	the person who deals with...	a/ the place where I can hang...
a/ the place where I can keep...	a/ the place where I can...	the place where...	Post Its/ Post It notes
projector	rubber band(s)	(a pair of) scissors	(Sello/ Scotch) tape
(book) shelves	(paper/ document) shredder	sink	first aid kit
socket/ electrical outlet	(date) stamp	stapler/ staples	storeroom/ supply room
(ring) binders	... charger(s)	correction fluid/ Tippex/ Whiteout	(paper) cups/ mugs
digital voice recorders	(top/ middle/ bottom) drawer	(A4/ brown) envelopes	fax (machine)

the... files	(clear) folders	franking machine	guillotine
headsets	the hot desks	ink pads	laptops
the person in charge of...	the person responsible for...	the person who...	petty cash
the... section/ division/ department	server	the stationery cupboard	sugar/ sweetener
the switch for...	tablets/ iPads	tea(bags)	tea towels
teaspoons	(wo)(men's) toilet/ bathroom	toilet rolls/ toilet paper	toner
umbrella rack	vending machine	washing up liquid/ detergent	water cooler/ water dispenser
(red/ blue/...) whiteboard pens	mop (and bucket)	board room	(tele/video) conference room
(main/ night/ staff) entrance	elevator (hall)	meeting room	intercom
lost property office	dry cleaner's	table tennis table/ ping pong table	foosball table/ table football
heater	IT support (person/ section)	fan	safe/ lockable drawer
East entrance	beanbags	chillout area	laminator
deliveries (entrance)	warehouse	pigeon holes	suggestions box

Places in a home vocabulary

airing cupboard	attic/ loft	bedding
(recycling) bin/ trashcan/ garbage can	blankets	bowl(s)
clean...	cable for.../ cord for...	cup(s)
desk	dining room	extra...
first aid box	band aids/ plasters	(chest) freezer
fridge/ refrigerator	fruit	glass
ice (cubes)	jam	kitchen roll
(desk) lamp	light bulb(s)	living room
master bedroom	milk	mirror
my/ your/...'s (bed)room	my...	napkin(s)/ serviette(s)
pillow(s)	pillow case(s)	place where I can find...
place where I can hang...	place where I can keep...	place where I can put...
place where I can throw away/ dispose of...	place where I can...	(side/ dinner) plate(s)
(kitchen/ dinner/ carving) knife/ knives	remote control (for...)	(top/ bottom) sheet(s)
soap/ shampoo/ shower gel	sink/ washbasin	socket/ (electrical) outlet

spare bedroom/ guest room	spare...	(tea/ dessert/ serving/ soup) spoon
switch for...	(kitchen/ living room/ coffee) table	toilet
toilet roll/ toilet paper	vegetables	utility room
wardrobe	washing machine	washing up liquid/ detergent
cling film/ Saran wrap	(shopping/ plastic/ carrier/ rubbish) bags	tea towels

Natural places vocabulary/ Countryside vocabulary

cliff	mountain/ peak	mountain range
hill	desert	river
stream	beach/ coastline	wood/ forest
pond/ lake	plain	valley
plateau	village	farm
farmhouse	barn	meadow
bay/ (natural) harbour	estuary	gulf
ocean	(natural/ hot) spring	island
lagoon	waterfall	sea
cave	field	national park

Phrases for asking for and giving directions brainstorming

Without looking above, brainstorm suitable phrases into the gaps below.

Useful language for starting the conversation

Useful language for asking for directions

Useful language for giving directions (and positions)

Useful phrases for checking/ clarifying

Useful phrases for ending giving directions conversations

Use the key words below to help with the task above.

Useful language for starting the conversation

- help
- disturb
- lost

Useful language for asking for directions

- here
- anywhere
- know
- tell

Useful language for giving directions

- takes
- seconds
- head
- go
- turn
- left
- second
- stairs
- see
- it's
- floor

Useful phrases for checking/ clarifying

- again
- did
- do
- check

Useful phrases for ending giving directions conversations

- got
- clear
- good

Check with the list of suggested phrases, then brainstorm more.

Compare your ideas for (slightly or very) different phrases as a class.

Places vocabulary

Test each other on similar words on the cards (divided by /).

Choose a category such as “shops” and see how many suitable words your partner can come up with.

First of all without looking at the cards, brainstorm suitable words into the categories below. Many words can go in more than one place, and many words not on the cards are also possible.

Places to eat and drink

Places connected to animals

Places to stay/ sleep/ live

Places related to your appearance

Places related to travel/ journeys

Places related to health and fitness

Places related to law and order

Places related to religion

Places related to education

Sightseeing spots/ Photo spots

Natural places/ Green spaces

Nightlife

Places related to the arts

Other places to spend your free time/ Entertainment spots

Other places to buy things

Names of streets

Places related to money

Places related to communications

Find suitable words on the cards, then brainstorm more.

Compare your extra ideas as a class.

Do the same for places inside buildings with the following page.

Places in a building vocabulary brainstorming
The final word of the names of companies

People and places connected to cleanliness/ hygiene

Places related to health and safety

Places connected to food and drink

Places to leave things/ Places where things are kept

Places outside a building

Places related to getting to other places

Places related to communication

Building staff/ Places where the building's staff work

Technology/ Machines

Places related to rest and relaxation

