

The VIP City Tour Challenge

Giving and Following Directions

PART 01 Warm-Up Activity

- When you are in a new city, do you prefer using a GPS/Google Maps or asking a local person for directions? Why?
- Have you ever been lost? What happened?

PART 02 The Scenario

You are working for a high-end travel agency. A VIP guest is arriving at the **Bus Station** and needs to visit three locations in the city before meeting a friend at the **Castle**. However, the city center is currently closed to cars due to a festival, so you must guide them on foot.

The VIP Itinerary:

1. **The Bank:** To exchange currency.
2. **The Museum:** To see a famous painting.
3. **The Hospital:** To drop off a donation.
4. **Final Destination:** The Castle.

The City Layout (Reference):

- **Bus Station:** Starting point.
- **The Bank:** Located opposite the Museum, past the first roundabout.
- **The Museum:** Located next to the Church, behind the Park.
- **The Hospital:** Located at the end of the main road, after the traffic lights.
- **The Castle:** Located across the road from the Hospital.

THE TASK & GOAL

Create the most efficient walking route for the VIP and practice explaining it clearly.

1. Review the locations and the city layout provided in the situation.
2. Plan a logical order to visit all three buildings before ending at the Castle.
3. Practice giving the full set of directions to your partner to ensure they don't get lost.
4. Compare your route with another pair to see who found the shortest path.

ROLES & PERSPECTIVES

A: THE LOCAL GUIDE

You know the city well. You must use clear imperatives (Turn left, Go past) and explain the landmarks (The Church, The Park) to help the guest.

B: THE VIP ASSISTANT

You are worried about the guest getting lost. You must ask polite indirect questions to clarify the directions (e.g., "Could you tell me what is next to the Museum?") and repeat the directions back to check for understanding.

REFERENCE Useful Language

ASKING POLITELY	GIVING DIRECTIONS	PREPOSITIONS OF PLACE
Excuse me, do you know the way to...?	Take the first/second left.	It's opposite the...
Can you tell me how to get to...?	Go straight ahead until...	It's next to the...
Could you repeat that, please?	Go round the roundabout.	It's behind the...
Is the [place] this way?	Turn right at the traffic lights.	Just across the road.

PLANNING & NOTES

Plan your dialogue here

PART 03 Reflection

1. Which part of the route was the most difficult to explain?
2. Did your partner use any phrases that helped you visualize the map better?

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Target language practice.



TIME

30-40 MINS

OBJECTIVE

Students will accurately give and follow multi-step directions using specific landmarks and prepositions of place.



GRAMMAR FOCUS

INDIRECT QUESTIONS & IMPERATIVES

- Do you know where the museum is?
- Can you tell me how to get to the bank?
- Take the second left and go past the church.

KEY VOCABULARY

ROUNDAABOUT

TRAFFIC LIGHTS

OPPOSITE

GO STRAIGHT AHEAD

CROSS THE ROAD

Procedure

1. **Warmer (5 mins):** Ask the warm-up questions to the whole class. Elicit a few "lost" stories to build interest.
2. **The Task (20 mins):**
 - Put students in pairs and direct them to "The Situation."
 - Give them 5 minutes to look at the "City Layout" notes and draw a rough sketch map together.
 - Students then perform the roles. Monitor for the use of "polite" questions from Student B and clear "imperatives" from Student A.
 - Encourage them to use the "Useful Language Box" if they get stuck.
3. **Feedback (10 mins):**
 - Ask one pair to present their route.
 - Note common errors in prepositions (e.g., saying "in the front of" instead of "in front of").
 - Highlight good examples of "landmark-based" directions heard during the task.