

Activity Type

Reading and listening activity, group work

Language Focus

Prepositions of place

Aim

To listen to clues containing prepositions of place and work out where various places are located in a shopping mall.

Preparation

Make one copy of the worksheet for each group of four. Cut out the floor plan and cards as indicated. If you have a group of three, give one student two cards.

Level

Pre-intermediate

Time

20 minutes

Introduction

In this intriguing problem-solving activity, students listen to clues containing prepositions of place and work out where various places are located in a shopping mall.

Procedure

Divide the class into groups of four.

Give each group a shopping mall floor plan and give each student a set of clues.

Students choose one person in their group to be responsible for marking the various places on the floor plan.

Explain that the students are not allowed to write any clues down or show their cards to each other.

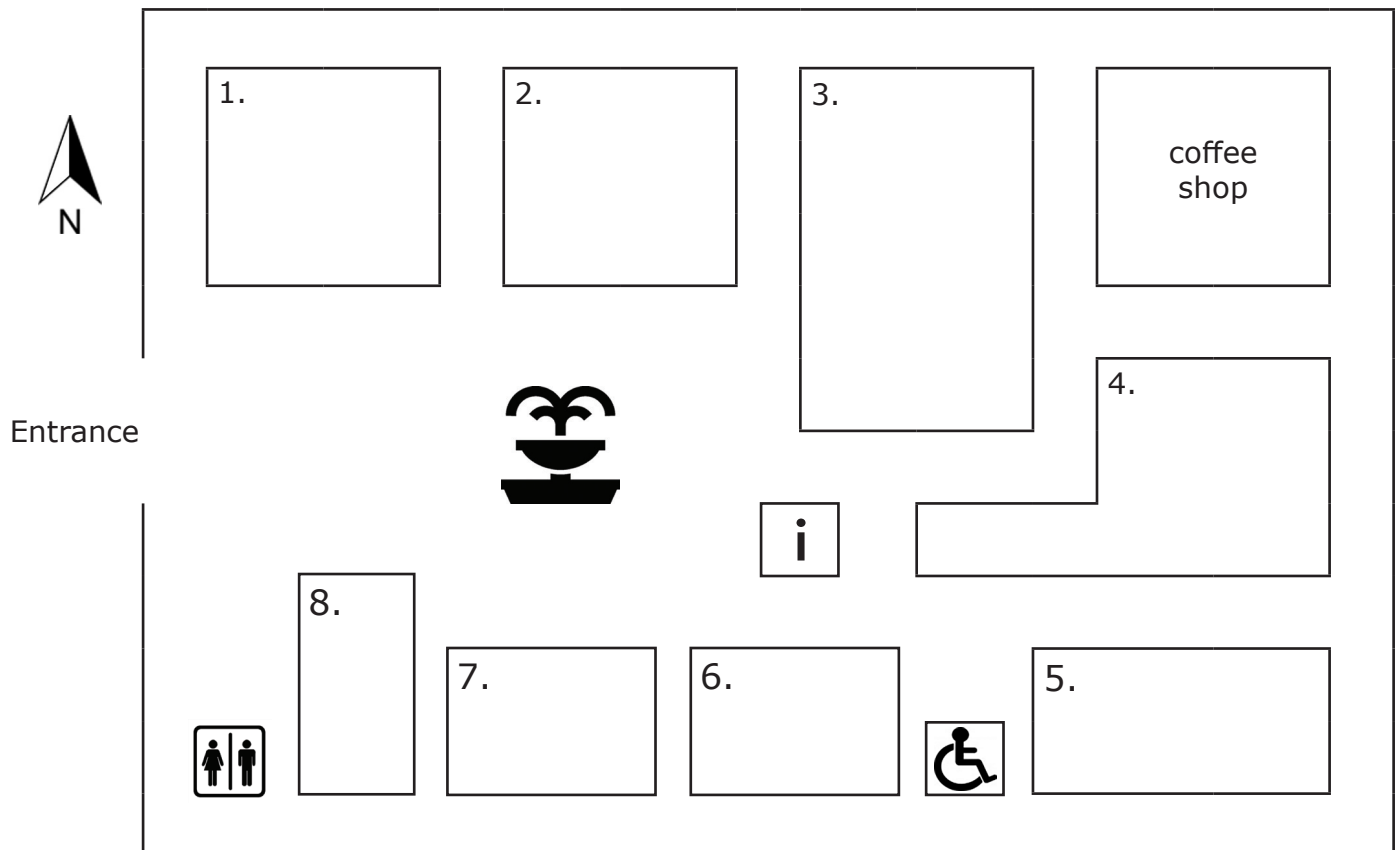
The students then take it in turns to read out their clues to the group.

The group then tries to work out where the various places are located and the assigned student marks their answers on the floor plan.

When the groups have completed the floor plan, check the answers with the class.

Answer key

1. Italian restaurant
2. women's clothes shop
3. gift shop
4. computer center
5. sushi bar
6. toy store
7. language center
8. phone shop



Card 1 - Read out the following information. Don't let anyone see your card.

The toilets are next to the phone shop.

The information desk is not in front of the women's clothes shop.

The sushi bar is next to the computer center.

Card 2 - Read out the following information. Don't let anyone see your card.

The phone shop is near the entrance.

There are disabled toilets next to the toy store.

The gift shop and the women's clothes shop are next to each other.

Card 3 - Read out the following information. Don't let anyone see your card.

The language center is south of the fountain

As you enter the shopping mall, the first shop on your left is the Italian restaurant.

If you're facing south in the coffee shop, you'll have a good view of the computer center.

Card 4 - Read out the following information. Don't let anyone see your card.

The toy store is next to the language center.

The women's clothes shop is north of the fountain, next to the Italian restaurant.

The gift shop is next to the coffee shop.