

Activity Type

Vocabulary Exercises:
matching, gap-fill,
writing sentences

Focus

Phrases and prepositions
related to giving
directions

Aim

To learn and practice
phrases and prepositions
related to giving
directions.

Preparation

Make one copy of the
two-page worksheet for
each student.

Level

Pre-intermediate (A2)

Time

30 minutes

Introduction

Here is a giving directions worksheet to help students learn and practice phrases and prepositions related to giving directions.

Procedure

Give each student a copy of the two-page worksheet.

Students begin by matching phrases for giving directions to signs.

Exercise A - Answer key

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|--------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. turn left | 4. turn right |
| 2. at the traffic lights | 5. go straight |
| 3. cross the street | 6. at the junction |

Students then match sentence halves together to make directions that use the phrases.

Exercise B - Answer key

1. e 2. a 3. d 4. f 5. b 6. c,

Next, students complete directions with the vocabulary from Exercise A.

Exercise C - Answer key

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| 1. go | 2. cross | 3. traffic |
| 4. turn | 5. junction | 6. turn |

After that, students complete sentences with prepositions, explaining how each preposition is used.

Exercise D - Answer key

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| 1. on | 2. at | 3. past |
| 4. next to | 5. on | 6. across from |

Students then move on to complete directions with prepositions from a box.

Exercise E - Answer key

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| 1. on, next to | 4. Next to, on |
| 2. past | 5. At |
| 3. across from | 6. across from |

Lastly, students write directions to the nearest hospital and bank using the phrases and prepositions from the worksheet and then read them to a partner to see if they are the same or different.

A. Match the phrases for giving directions to the signs.

at the junction







at the traffic lights

cross the street

turn right

go straight

turn left

		
1.	2.	3.
		
4.	5.	6.

B. Match the sentence halves together to make directions.

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|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1. Stop at | a. right at the next junction. |
| 2. Turn | b. straight. |
| 3. Cross | c. left instead. |
| 4. The park is just past the | d. the street to get to the school. |
| 5. At the junction, go | e. the traffic lights. |
| 6. Don't turn right, turn | f. library. It's not far. |



C. Complete the directions with the words from Exercise A.

To get to the pet shop, exit the train station and (1) straight for 500 meters.
 (2) the street at the junction. At the next (3)..... lights,
 (4) right. Continue on this street for one kilometer. At the (5) ,
 (6) left. The pet shop is on the right.

D. Complete the sentences with the prepositions in the box.

We use the preposition...

- for streets.
- for a specific place.
- for locations after another place.
- for places very close to something.
- to describe a left or right position.
- for locations on the other side.

next to	on
past	at
on	across from

E. Complete the directions with the prepositions from the box.

past	at	on	on	next to	next to	across from	across from
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- Turn right Oxford Street, and the bank is the hotel.
- The train station isn't before the supermarket, it's it.
- On this side of the street, there is a clothes shop. On the other side, the clothes shop, there is a pub.
- In the city center, there is a nice cafe. the cafe the right, there is a restaurant.
- the traffic lights, there is a library.
- The park is here, you'll have to cross the street to get to it.

F. Write directions using the phrases and prepositions from the worksheet.

- To get to the nearest hospital from here,

- To get to the nearest bank from here,

G. Now, read your directions to a partner. Are your directions the same or different?