



Asking for Directions

PART ONE USEFUL EXPRESSIONS

1. Can I get to the Olympic Stadium from here by bus?
2. How long is the trip on the subway?
3. Does this bus stop close to the assembly point for Snow Hill?
4. Excuse me, but where can I find the nearest subway station?
5. How far is it to the hospital emergency room?
6. Should I turn left or right at the intersection?
7. Which direction is the bus to the station?
8. Cross the street after you pass the school and it will be on your left.
9. Go back straight down this street for about three blocks and turn right at the big shopping mall.
10. Go that way for five blocks until you get to the fire station. Ask someone there.
11. It's right on the other side of the city centre.
12. Keep going until you reach the gas station. They can direct you further.
13. Just follow me, I'm going that way.
14. Take the second on the left and go straight on past the big church.
15. I am heading in the direction where you can take the bus you need. Follow me.

PART TWO MORE USEFUL EXAMPLES

1. I've have no sense of direction in unfamiliar places.
2. Where do I get off to get to the university?
3. How many more stops are there before we need to get off the bus?
4. Have we already passed the stop to get to the market?
5. I'm not sure how to get there by bus.
6. It's right along the freeway. You can't miss it.
7. Ask someone else when you get close to the cinema.
8. Go straight along this street to the traffic lights.
9. Sorry, I am also a visitor here.
10. I am sorry. I have never been to that area on public transit.
11. The subway system is really well laid out and easy to use.
12. You can see it from the freeway as you approach the airport.
13. Is the ticket good for the subway and the bus?
14. Would I need to transfer anywhere on the way there?
15. You have already missed the last bus. Take a taxi.

PART THREE SITUATIONAL DIALOGUE PRACTICE

Number 1

Read the dialogue below carefully and complete it so that **B** gives very specific directions on what **A** needs to do to get to the Golden Dragon Hotel. Use 20 – 30 words with very detailed information in your response.

A: Excuse me. Good morning. I am hoping you can help me. I am lost. I need to get to the Golden Dragon hotel.

B: There are many hotels in that chain. Do you know in which area it is?

A: All I have is this business card with the hotel information. But I can't read the language.

B: Well, the card says it is the hotel near the city hall.

A: Can you give me directions to get there, please?

B: Listen carefully and write this down on the back of the card.
You need to take bus # ...

Number 2

Read the dialogue below and complete it so that **B** directs **A** to the subway and says which line should be used. Then **B** should direct **A** to the bus stop with enough information to get to the bookstore. Use 20 -30 words for your response.

A: Excuse me, could you tell me if I get a bus that goes to the International Foreign Language Book Store?

B: There is no bus from here that goes directly to the store.

A: Are there any other ways except a taxi to get there from here?

B: You would have to use the subway and then transfer to a bus.

A: could you please give me the directions?

B: Sure. Go to ...