



Asking for directions

If you are visiting a new city in an English-speaking country, you may need to ask the way. You will also need to understand the directions people give you.

If you are asking for directions to somewhere you can say:

- Excuse me, how do I get to Trafalgar Square?
- Can you tell me how to get to Central Station, please?
- Can you give me directions to Buckingham Palace, please?
- Where is the nearest underground station?
- Which way is the Tourist Information Office?
- What's the best way to get to the park from here?

The reply may be:

- Turn left at the traffic light and you'll see it at the end of the road.
- You'll need to get the bus at the bus stop over there.
- Go straight on and then take the second turning on the left.
- It's just around the corner.
- Take the first left, then the second right.
- Go as far as the crossroads, turn left and it's on your right.

Sometimes you may want more information, so you could ask:

- How far is it from here?
- How long will it take me to get there?
- Where do I go then?
- Is that the quickest way to get there?
- Can I get there on foot?



The reply may be:

- It's not that far from here. It's about a mile.
- It should take you about twenty minutes.
- You'll need to ask when you get off the bus.
- No, but it's the easiest way.
- You can go on foot, but it's a long way.

If you get lost you can say:

- I think I've gone the wrong way.
- I can't find the way to my hotel. Could you help me, please?
- I'm completely lost. Could you please guide me?
- I think I was given the wrong directions to the station.

