



Asking for Directions







VOCABULARY CHECK - Fill in the Blank

Look at the picture. Write in the following words where they best fit around the compass.

north south east west	up down	right left	northeast northwest southeast southwest
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DIALOGUE - Asking for Directions

Ana: Excuse me, Officer. I'm visiting Boston and I'm lost.

Officer: Boston is a big city. What are you looking for?

Ana: I'm supposed to meet my friend at an art museum in Cambridge.

Officer: Do you know the address?

Ana: Yes. It's at the intersection of Manson and Womack.

Officer: North Womack or South Womack?

Ana: South.

Officer: First, catch the T at the station in the middle of the block.

Ana: On this street?

Officer: Yes, you can see it from here. Do you see the sign by the gate to the east?

Ana: Oh, yes, I see it. Do I go down?

Officer: Yes, take the steps down and take the train going west.

Ana: How many stops before I get off the subway?

Officer: Three stops.

Ana: Do you know the name of the stop?

Officer: Yes, you'll get off at the Harvard Station. When you go up the steps, you'll follow the first street to the right.

Ana: Is that Manson or South Womack?

Officer: No, that's Greenlee Street. Walk along Greenlee for two blocks and turn right at the stop sign.

Ana: What should I do after I turn right?

Officer: That street is South Womack. All you'll have to do is follow it until you get to the next corner where you'll see the street sign for Manson.

Ana: And the museum is right there?

Officer: Yes, it is. It's a big building. You can't miss it. It'll be on your left, just to the northeast.

Ana: Thank you so much.

Officer: No problem. I hope you enjoy your visit to the city.

*The T is the subway system in Boston.







VOCABULARY CHECK - Matching

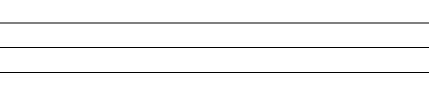
Match the words on the left with the definitions on the right.

1. lost	A. a place or building where modes of public transport stop
2. address	B. a location with a number, street, and city designation
3. intersection	C. a display showing the name of a street
4. station	D. location where cars drive; buildings are built along the side
5. block	E. an underground mode of public transportation
6. street	F. not able to find a location
7. sign	G. places where public transport halt to let people off and awaiting passengers on
8. subway	H. the meeting place at the end of two streets
9. stops	I. the space between one street and another
10. corner	J. the place where two streets cross one another

CONVERSATION STARTER

Work with a partner. Look at the pictures and try to create a dialogue.





setting lost



CONVERSATION STARTER - Continued

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asking for directions





going to subway station





riding a train



catching a subway train





CONVERSATION STARTER - Continued

getting off a train





walking up to the street







at the corner







DIALOGUE BUILDING

Fill in the missing words in the statements from the dialogue.

Ana	Officer
Excuse me, Officer. I'm visiting Boston and I'm	1. North Womack or Womack?
Oh, yes, I see it. Do I go?	First, catch the T at the in the middle of the block.
C. Thank you so much.	3. Do you know the?
D. How many before I get off the subway?	That street is South Womack. All you'll have to do is follow it until you get to the next where you'll see the street sign for Manson.
E. Is that Manson or Womack?	5. Yes, you'll get off at the Harvard Station. When you go the steps, you'll follow the first street to the right.
F. Yes. It's at the of Manson and Womack.	Yes, you can see it from here. Do you see the by the gate to the east?
G. I'm supposed to my friend at an art museum in Cambridge.	Yes, take the steps and take the train going west.
H. What should I do after I turn?	8. Boston is a big city. What are you for?
South.	9. Three
7. On this?	Yes, it is. It's a big building. You can't miss it. It'll be on your, just to the northeast.
K. And the museum is right?	11. No problem. I hope you enjoy your visit to the city.
Do you know the of the stop?	No, that's Greenlee Street. Walk along Greenlee for two and turn right at the stop sign.







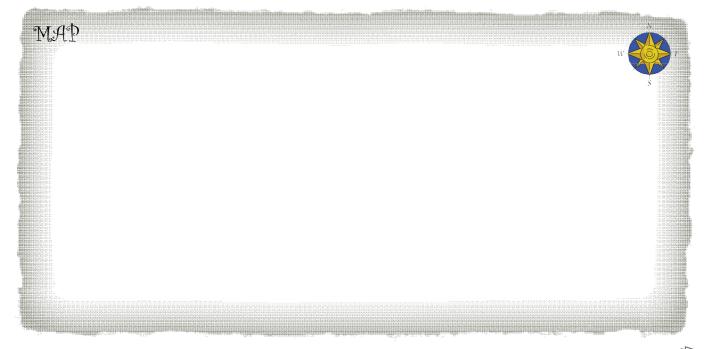
DIALOGUE PRACTICE

Cut up the pieces from the dialogue on the previous page. Take the list of Ana's statements and the Officer's statements and put them in order. Practice reading the dialogue with a partner. Practice for intonation, pronunciation, and elision.

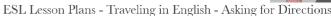
DIALOGUE COMPREHENSION

1.	Ana is visiting	<u>.</u>	
2.	She asks an	for help because she gets	·
3.	She tells him that she is trying to find the		
4.	He tells Ana she should take a	.	
5.	Ana should get off at the	stop. The name of the station is	
6.	After she goes up the steps, she should		The name of the
	street is		
7.	He tells her that the museum is		

Can you draw a "map" detailing the directions that Ana is given to the museum?





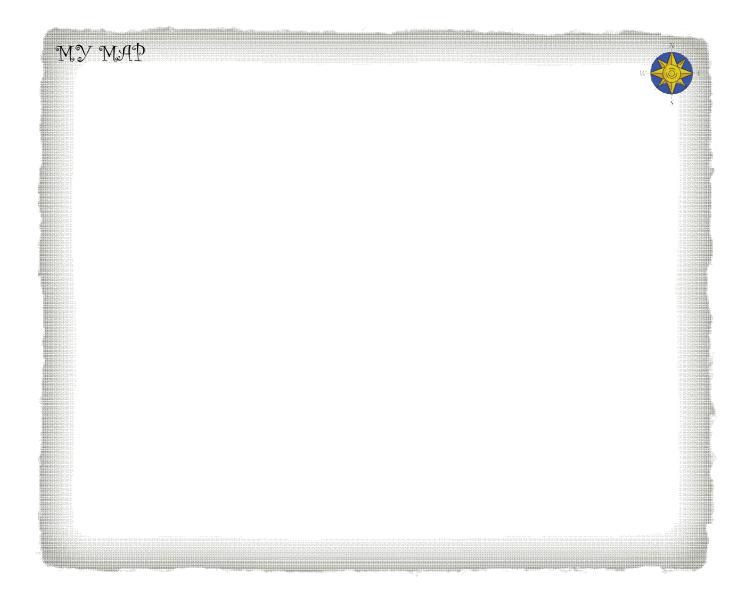






DIALOGUE PRACTICE

Draw a map from the school to your house or your favorite hangout. Then find a partner. Exchange maps and ask each other directions to the location on the map.









WRITING TASK

Write directions based on the map shown below. Then find a partner and ask each other directions to various locations on the map.



e.g. From the School head northeast until you hit the first stop sign. Turn left at the stop sign and head north until you see McDonald's restaurant sign.					

