Asking for Directions

CEFR B1 Roleplay



1. Warm-up Discussion

- 1. Have you ever been lost in a new city? What did you do to find your way?
- 2. How do you usually ask for directions when you're in a new place?
- 3. What landmarks or features do you look for to help you understand directions?
- 4. What phrases do you think are useful when asking for or giving directions?
- 5. What tools (e.g., maps, apps) do you use to help you find your way in a new area?

2. Example Conversation: Asking for Directions

Student A (Tourist): Excuse me, can you help me? I'm trying to find the train station.

Student B (Local):Sure! It's not too far from here. Are you walking or taking a bus?

Student A:I'm walking. Can you tell me the quickest way to get there?

Student B:Of course. Go straight down this street for about five minutes, then turn left at the traffic lights.

Student A:Okay, straight for five minutes, then left at the lights. What do I do after that?

Student B:After you turn left, you'll see a big park on your right. Keep walking until you reach the end of the park.

Student A:Got it. And then?

Student B:At the end of the park, you'll see a large building with a clock tower. The train station is right behind it.

Student A: Thank you! Is it easy to spot the clock tower?

Student B:Yes, it's very tall and you can't miss it. There's also a sign for the train station nearby.

Student A:Perfect! Thank you so much for your help.

Student B: You're welcome! Have a great day and enjoy your trip!

Student A: Thanks again. Have a good day!

Student B:Take care!

3. Background

You are a tourist visiting a new city and need to find your way to an important location, such as a train station or a museum. You approach a local person to ask for directions. The local person provides clear directions, including landmarks and distances, to help you find your way. The conversation takes place on a busy street.

4. Instructions

Student A (Tourist):

You are a tourist in a new city and need help finding a specific location, like a train station or a famous landmark. Approach a local person and ask for directions. Listen carefully to the directions they give and repeat them back to confirm you understand.

Student B (Local):

You are a local resident who is familiar with the area. A tourist approaches you asking for directions to a nearby location. Provide clear and detailed directions, including landmarks and any other helpful information. Make sure the tourist understands the directions before they leave.

5. Vocabulary List

directions, landmark, straight, turn left, turn right, traffic lights, park, clock tower, sign, nearby, end of the street, behind, in front of, on your right, on your left, down the road, across from, beside, in the middle of, next to.