Module 15 Giving Directions

As happens in strange and new places, people get disoriented and may require help finding their way, so guests may frequently ask you for directions. They may ask directions to a restaurant in the hotel complex, the nearest restroom, or a nearby historical site. There are a multitude of expressions that are used when asking for and giving directions.

1. Lesson: Asking for and giving directions

2. Lesson Objectives: Students will learn expressions for asking and giving directions.

3. Procedure: Give students handouts of the following expressions/dialogues. Read the expressions and have the students repeat them individually to check their pronunciation.

**Asking for directions**

Could you tell me how to get to (… the pool)?
How do I find (…StarBucks Coffee Shop)?
Pardon me, I'm lost, how do I get to the (…the main lobby)?
Which is the best route to (…Phuket Town)?
Could you direct me to (…the beach)?
Which way do I go to get to (…the hospital)?

**Giving directions**

Take this passage way
On your right/left
Take the elevator
Follow this path
It’s about 50 meters
Cross the street
It’s in the middle of the block
Drive south on 4233
It’s next to/ across from/between/in front of
Drive to Jackson street and turn left/right

**Prepositions of location used when giving directions**

go straight  go to  right  left
cross  on your right  on your left  beside
next to  behind  across from  in front of

on the corner of (to be very specific NE, SE, NW, SW corners)
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Point to Remember (Suggestions for giving directions)
Giving street directions is really very easy when you remember to follow these points. When giving directions you are actually giving two sets of instructions.

In the first set- "Go To" - you are telling the listener what street to go to or how far to go.

In the second set- "Then"- you are telling the listener what to do when they get there. (turn right/left, go straight, on the left, etc.)

Giving even very complicated directions is just a repetition of these two basic steps. Another good idea is to use easily identifiable landmarks; instead of the amount of time to get someplace (time is relative, after all). Easily identifiable landmarks are street lights, stop signs, parks, tall building standing alone, etc.

Additional Vocabulary
sidewalk      footpath      no through way (road)
pedestrian    main road     street
avenue        boulevard     round about
dead end      cul de sac     pavement

Land marks
art gallery   bridge        castle       temple
cathedral     cinema        zoo          department store
museum        opera house    post office   police station
fire station  railway       bus station   train station
traffic light stop light    stop sign    T-junction

4. Study: Students should work together in pairs and read the following dialogue, one student reading the role of the guest and the other student reading the role of the staff.

Guest: Could you tell me how to get to the Spa?
Staff: Take this passageway and go down the steps on your right. At the bottom of the steps there is a wooden bridge. Go over the bridge and turn right. Follow the path until you get to the Spa. It’s about 40 meters from the bridge.

Guest: How do I find the Thai Thai restaurant?
Staff: Just follow the pathway to the left of the reception desk in the Andaman lobby. The walk way will take you directly to the Thai Thai Restaurant.

Guest: Which way do I go to get to the beach?
Staff: From the Bell Desk in the Andaman Lobby, turn left and follow the path on the right and go past the pond and up the steps. From there, walk straight across the beach road, the beach will be right in front of you.

Guest: Pardon me, I'm lost, how do I get to the gym?
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Staff: From the main lobby, walk away from the beach and take the first staircase on your right down. The staircase is next to the portrait center. The gym is on your right at the bottom of the stairs.

Guest: Which is the best route to the Phuket City?
Staff: Get on the road to Patong and drive north on the 4233. At the end of the beach road in Patong, turn right on the 4029 and drive east. Take the 4029 about 4 kilometers and turn right on the 4020. That road will take you into Phuket city.

5. Paired Practice: Practice using the above expressions by having similar dialogues with a partner, one partner taking the role of the guest and the other the role of the staff. For additional practice, switch roles. Practice the dialogue several times, trying to use all of the expressions noted.

More Practice

Using the map below, work with a partner and ask for directions to places on the map.
6. **Evaluation**: The teacher should have a similar interaction of greeting with the students individually, with the teacher taking the role of the guest and the students taking the role of the staff. Teacher should point out any mistakes and correct pronunciation errors. Follow up the exercise for any students that made errors later in the lesson to ensure that the mistakes have been corrected.

**Additional Activities and Exercises**
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1. Work Sheet 1

Fill in the blanks by writing the correct word on the line that will complete the sentence.

direct    route     in front of     Golf      get
take    lost     north     find     where
to    hurry     right     again     into
on    next     what     turn     away
could    bottom     how     way     me

1. ____________ you tell me __________ the gym is?
2. __________ do I __________ to the Spa?
3. __________ is the best __________ to get to Patong?
4. Yes sir, ____________ this passage way until you come to front desk, then _________ right.
5. Pardon ________, I'm ____________, how do I ________ the gym?
6. From the main lobby, walk _______ from the beach and take the first staircase down on your right. The staircase is ________ to the portrait center. The gym is at the ________ of the stairs.
7. What is the fastest __________ to Phuket City? I’m in a ____________.
8. Get on the road to Patong and drive ________ on the 4233. At the end of the beach road in Patong, turn ____________ on the 4029 and drive east. Take the 4029 about 4 kilometers and turn right ________ on the 4020. That road will take you __________ Phuket city.
9. Could you ___________ me to Dino Park Mini _________?
10. On the main road ____________ the hotel, walk south about 500 meters. The Park is _____ the right, next ________ The Marina Phuket Resort.