

Unit 1

Asking the Way

Learning Objectives

In this unit, you shall

- learn how to ask the way and give directions;
- practise listening for specific information;
- distinguish directions on a map;
- recognise different signals and names involved in buildings.

A Listening Skills



Task 1

You will hear four dialogues. Listen carefully and fill in the blanks.

Dialogue 1

W: Excuse me, can you tell me where the nearest _____ is?

M: That's easy. _____ to the _____. You can't miss it.

W: Thank you.

M: _____.

Dialogue 2

W: Would you kindly tell me how to find the _____?

M: Walk _____ the blocks to the _____ and then _____.

W: _____.

M: _____.

Dialogue 3

M: Sorry to _____ you, madam. I'm looking for _____.

W: _____ to the Grand Hotel and then _____. That's the avenue you're looking for.

W: Thank you very much.

M: _____.

Dialogue 4

M: Pardon me. Please tell me how to _____ the nearest petrol station.

W: First _____ at the lights, drive up straight until you see a tall building. _____ is just beside it.

M: Thanks a lot.

W: _____.



**Task 2**

Listen to four statements and match the information you hear by drawing lines between the columns.

PLACE	TIME TAKING	TRANSPORTATION
Tianhe Stadium	15 minutes	bus
Baohua Hotel	2 minutes	bike
drug store	20 minutes	car
parking lot	5 minutes	walk

*Vocabulary*T-junction *n.* 丁字路口**Task 3**

Listen and choose the right statement you hear.

- A. There is a blend in the middle of the road.

B. There is a bend in the middle of the road.

C. There is a band in the middle of the road.
- A. Is that sheet over there clean?

B. Is that sheep over there clean?

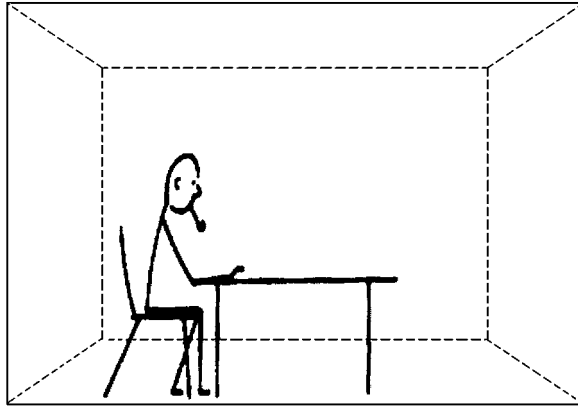
C. Is that seat over there clean?
- A. I've just locked the car in the garage.

B. I've just knocked the car in the garage.

C. I've just stopped the car in the garage.

B**Listening Practice****Pre-Listening**

Listen to the description and complete the drawing. You can see Mr. Peanut sitting at a table now. It doesn't matter if you can't draw very well.



Core Listening



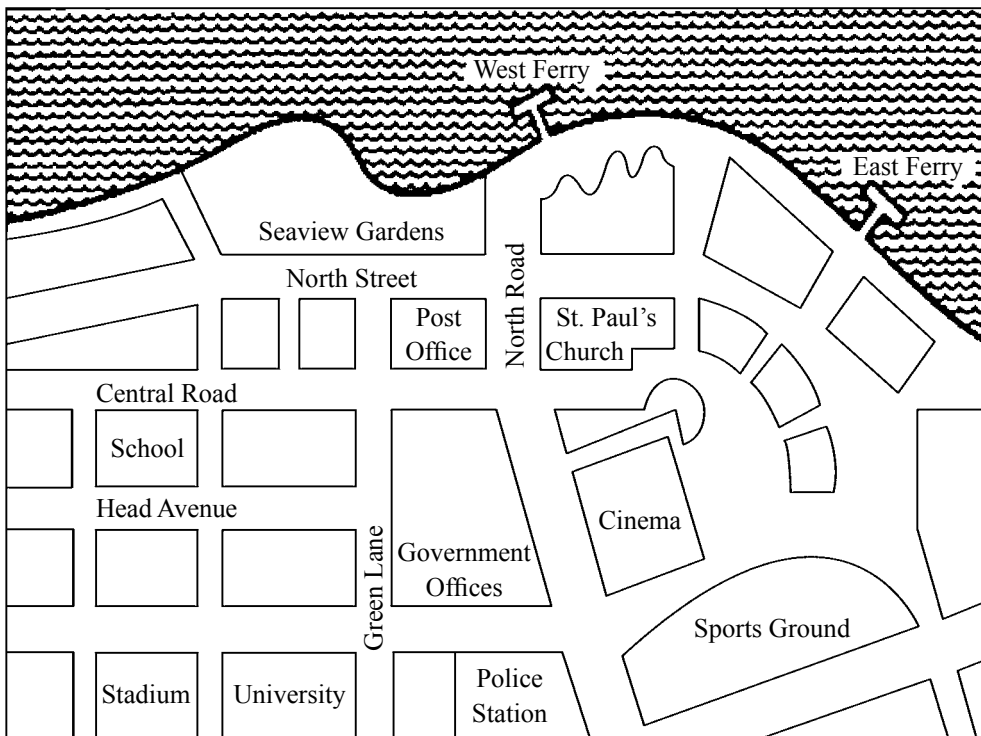
Task 1

Get ready a pen and a piece of paper. Listen to the instructions and follow them. See what you will get finally.



Task 2

Listen to the instructions and see where you arrive in the end.



**Task 3**

Listen to a dialogue and answer the following questions.

1. Where does the girl want to go now?

2. How long will it take the girl to get to the place she wants after lunch?

3. How does the man instruct the girl to get to the School Clinic Building?

**Vocabulary**

dinning hall 食堂

students' apartment 学生公寓

teaching building 教学楼

clinic *n.* 医务室

**Task 4**

Listen to a passage and decide whether the following statements are true or false. Write **T** (true) or **F** (false) in the brackets.

- () 1. Pat was touring alone.
- () 2. He was driving a truck when he saw an old man.
- () 3. Pat was trying to help the man find his home.
- () 4. The old man threatened Pat to drive him home and robbed him.
- () 5. The Sun Hotel was just three miles away from where Pat picked up the old man.

Practical Listening

Listen and complete the following table.

Situation	Tips to give directions
No street names	_____
The place is far away	_____
Go on foot	_____
Remember: Bad directions are _____ than no directions.	

Fun Listening



Task 1

Listen to the following expressions and try to memorise them.



1. Would you please tell me how to get to this address?

2. Should I take a bus there?

3. Sorry to trouble you, but could you please tell me how to get to the Workers' Club?

4. Is this the right way to the railway station?

5. Would you mind telling me if this is the correct way to the Children's Hospital?

6. Excuse me. How can I get to the nearest hospital, please?

7. Can you tell me where I can get something to drink?

8. How far is this address from here, please?

9. Can you direct me to the Bank of China?

10. How long will it take if I walk there, please?



Task 2

Listen to a song and supply the missing words.

Take Me Home Country Roads

John Denver

Almost _____ West Virginia

Blue Ridge Mountains Shenandoah River

Life is old there older than the trees

Younger than the mountains

_____ like a breeze

Country roads _____

To the place I belong

West Virginia _____ Mama

Take me home country roads

All my memories gather round her

Miner's lady stranger to blue water

Dark and dusty painted _____

Misty taste of moonshine

_____ drops in my eyes

Country roads take me home

To the place I belong

West Virginia Mountain Mama

Take me home country roads

I hear her voice in the morning hours she calls me

Radio _____ me of my home far away

Driving down the road I get a feeling that I should

Have been home _____

Yesterday

Country roads take me home

To the place I belong

West Virginia Mountain Mama

Take me home country roads

Take me home country roads

Take me home country roads