

Giving directions miming games

Choose one of the cards below. Do actions to represent that thing and see if your partner can guess what is written on the card from your mimes, first of all without any other help. If they get stuck, you can make sound effects, but you can't speak. If they still can't guess, they can look at the worksheet with all the cards on it to help.

Ask about any words below which you aren't sure about the meaning of, miming that thing to show that you understand each time.

Do the opposite activity, saying one of the cards and seeing if your partner can do a suitable action. If they aren't sure, give hints such as other words on the same card.

Test each other on the synonyms and opposites below. Note that things on the same card sometimes have different meanings. Then ask each other to explain differences words between words there and other similar things.

Directions with opposites on the cards below

in front of	below/ under/ beneath...	(head/ go) towards
behind/ in back of	above/ over...	(head/ go) away (from)
It's in(side).	turn right/ hang a right/ take a right turn	on your right/ to your right/ on the right (hand side)
It's outside.	turn left/ hang a left/ take a left turn	on your left/ to your left/ on the left (hand side)
clockwise	turn right and right again	(go) downstairs
anti-/ counter-clockwise	turn left and left again	(go) upstairs
far from	cross the road/ across the road	go straight (on/ ahead)

Directions with synonyms on the same card

next to/ by/ beside...	take the lift/ the elevator	stoplights/ traffic lights/ traffic signals
take the second (turning on your) right	go past/ pass...	(go) round/ around...
(T) junction/ intersection/ crossroads	subway/ The Tube/ underground (railway)	liquor shop/ off license/ office
chemist's/ pharmacy	petrol station/ gas station	car park/ parking lot
crosswalk/ pedestrian crossing/ zebra crossing	phone box/ public phone/ phone booth	ATM/ cashpoint/ cash machine
buzzer/ intercom	(public) toilet/ bathroom/ restroom	Could you say that again?/ Could you repeat that?

Pardon?/ Sorry, I didn't catch that.	Excuse me?/ Sorry to disturb you.	near (to)/ close (to)/ in the vicinity (of)
flyover/ overpass	launderette/ laundromat	It takes 5 minutes/ It's 5 minutes from here.

Directions with common confusions

on the corner	church/ cathedral	mountain/ peak
in the corner	hill	fountain
high-rise building/ skyscraper	cinema/ movie theater	club/ nightclub/ disco

Other directions to mime

between... and...	opposite...	through
take the escalator	on the third floor	vending machine
by train	by taxi	on foot
sculpture/ statue	smoking area	bar/ pub
barber('s)/ hairdresser's/ hair salon	campsite/ campground	concert hall/ opera house
conveyor belt sushi bar	(swimming) pool	cloakroom