

3C Teacher's notes Where's the shopping centre?

Activity: Information exchange

Language point: Asking for and giving directions; saying thanks (Unit 3, Section C)

Time: 20 minutes

Materials: One handout for each pair of students, cut along the line.

Procedure:

- Warm-up: Write these prompts on the board and elicit questions for asking directions:
How / get / stadium / please / ? (How do I get to the stadium, please?)
- Use gestures to elicit a few phrases for giving directions, e.g. *go along the road, turn left, turn right*. Ask students what the person who is asking for directions needs to say at the end of the conversation, and elicit different ways of saying *thanks*, e.g. *Thanks, Thank you, Thank you very much, Thanks a lot*.
- Tell the class they are going to use a simple map to practise asking for and giving directions.
- Divide the class into pairs, A and B. Give each student the relevant part of the handout, and tell them not to look at each other's handout.
- Explain that Student A and Student B each need directions to four different places on the map, shown at the top of their handout. In total, they will have eight short conversations together.
- Tell everyone to find the car park, Apple Tree Café, and the supermarket on their map, as these places are on both maps.
- Student A begins. He/she looks at their list, tells Student B where they are, and asks for directions to the first place they want to go to. Student B listens, and gives directions. Student A follows the directions and puts the location of the place they want to go to onto their map at the end of the conversation. They repeat with the other three places on their list, then swap roles.
- Go round the class and monitor the students as they speak, giving support, encouragement or gentle error correction as necessary.
- At the end, the pairs can look at both maps to check they've got all the places marked correctly.
- Option: Early finishers can ask about the other empty spaces on their maps:
A What's next to the Apple Tree Café?
B That's the police station.
B What's opposite the hospital?
A That's the museum.