

Asking for directions:

To get someone's attention, say "Excuse me."

- Where is ____?
- How can I get to ____?
- Where is the nearest ____?

Use this when you are looking for the closest of many potential options. You wouldn't ask, "Where is the nearest Eiffel Tower?" because there is only one Eiffel Tower. But you might ask, "Where is the nearest sushi restaurant?"

Giving directions:

- Left/Right (hand side)
- Down the (hall, block, way, etc.)
- First, Second, Third, etc.

To remember which is left and which is right, put your hands in front of you. The hand that makes an "L" shape with the first finger and thumb, is your left hand.

This means that you must continue going straight.

Sometimes, the street or hall you need to turn and go down will be around other places you could go. Remember first, second, third, fourth, fifth, etc. to know which turn is the correct one.

When someone says this, they are pointing out a landmark that you should be at or be able to see when you reach a certain point in their directions.

- You'll see...

- Go past
- Go across
- Go along
- Go up
- Go straight
- Go down
- Go through
- Go out of
- Opposite of
- Catty-Corner/Kitty-Corner of

This is something that is diagonally across the street from another thing.

Example:

"How can I get to the Sears Tower?"

"Walk up the street and take a left at Jackson. Keep going, and before you cross the river you should see it on your right-hand side. You'll want to take a right on Franklin Street to get to the entrance."