Activity Type

Speaking Activity: giving and following directions, communicative practice (pair work)

Focus

Asking for and giving directions

Aim

To ask for and give directions to places on a map.

Preparation

Make one copy of the two worksheets for each pair of students.

Level

Elementary (A1-A2)

Time

20 minutes

Introduction

In this asking for and giving directions activity, students practice giving and following directions to places on a map.

Procedure

Divide the students into pairs (Student A and B).

Give each student a corresponding worksheet.

Tell the students not to show their worksheet to their partner.

Draw the students' attention to the 'Useful language' on the worksheet and review how to ask for and give directions with the class.

Next, tell the students that they are going to give and follow directions from the start pin located at the bottom of the map.

Students then take it in turns to ask their partner how they get to the places shown on their worksheet, starting from the pin each time, e.g. 'How do I get to the hair salon?'

Their partner then gives directions accordingly.

When a student has followed the directions to the place, they mark the location on the map.

When both students have been given directions to all nine places, they compare their maps to see if they have marked the locations correctly.

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Student A

post office

court

bank

mall

pharmacy

hotel

subway

library

START

cafe

Ask your partner for directions to the following places (e.g. How do I get to...?) and mark the locations on the map.

1. the hair salon

2. the museum

3. the hospital

4. the pub

5. city hall

6. the book store

7. the dentist's

8. the bakery

9. the art gallery

Useful language:
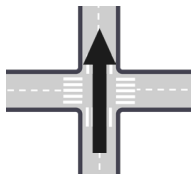
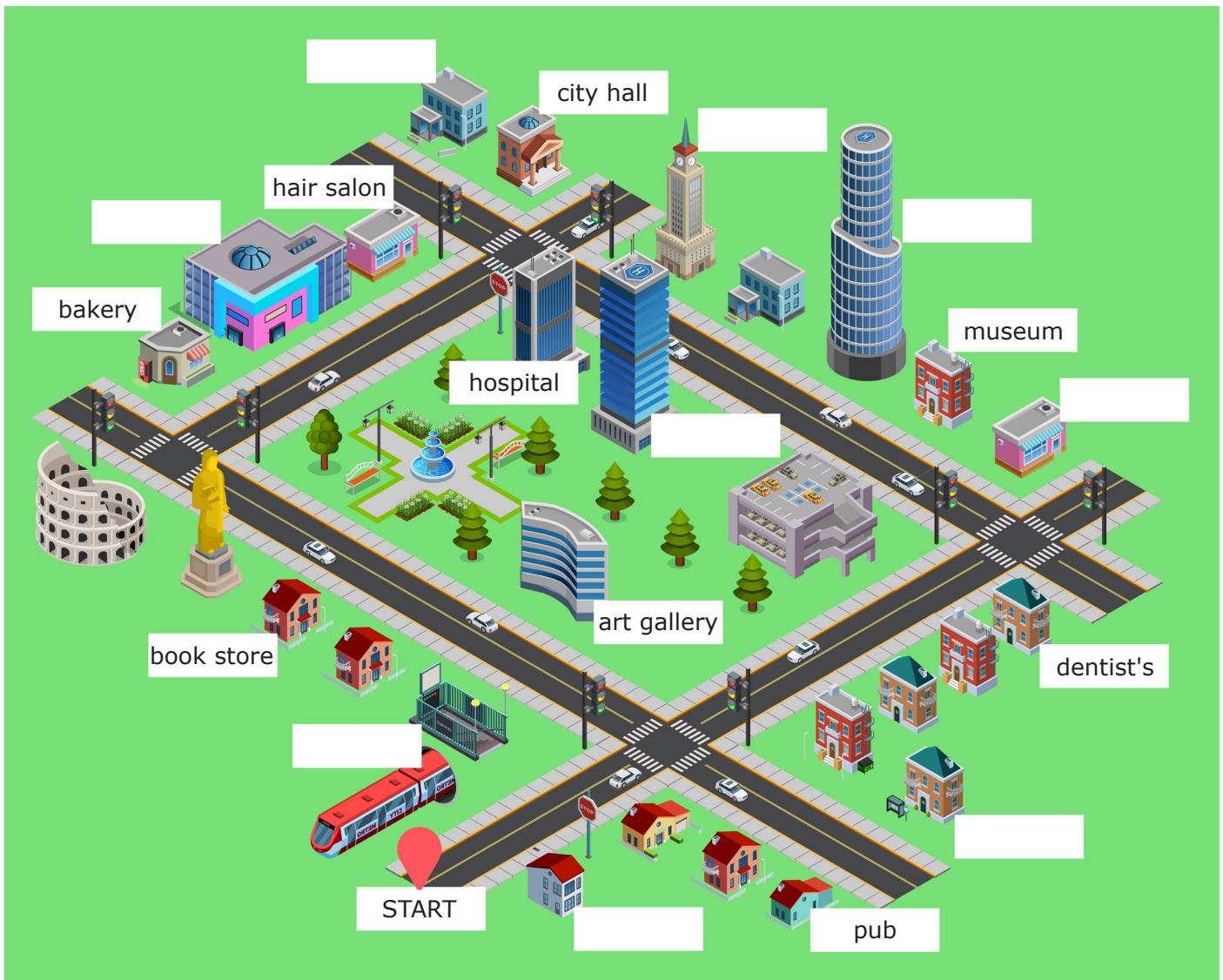| Go straight...	Turn left/right.	Go past...	Go across/ over...	next to	On the corner	opposite/ across from
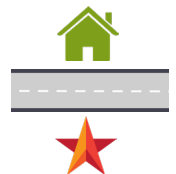
Student B

Ask your partner for directions to the following places (e.g. How do I get to...?) and mark the locations on the map.

1. the bank

2. the mall

3. the library

4. the post office

5. the pharmacy

6. the court

7. the cafe

8. the hotel

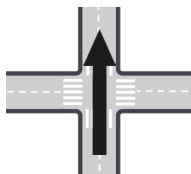9. the subway

Useful language:

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