

UNIT 3 BEING A TOUR GUIDE

Practice 1. Look at the pictures below. Then discuss the questions!



(taken from: leisuregrouptravel.com)



(taken from: advancetravelinternational.com)



(taken from: jadiberita.com)



(taken from: www.stuff.co.nz)

- Describe each picture above! What do you know about tour guide?
- Where may you see a tour guide?
- Why do we need a tour guide in a tour?
- How does a tour guide do the job?

Practice 2. Practice the dialogue and study the expressions below!

- Guide : It's about a three minute ride up to the top of the mountain. As we pass the two towers, the gondolla may sway a little.
- Man : This thing is safe, right?
- Guide : Yes, you don't have anything to worry about. We do about 100 trips a day up the mountain, and these tours have been going on for over ten years without any accidents. Keep your eyes open for wildlife as we ascend. It isn't uncommon to see deer and even bears.
- Woman : What's that mountain to the left called?
- Guide : That's Mount Karen. And to the right of that with the three small points is Mount Brown. Now, if you look up straight ahead, you should be able to see a large eagle's nest. Does everyone see it there?
- Man : Are there any baby birds?
- Guide : That's a good question. I haven't seen any yet, but we usually see them around this time of year.
- Woman : What's that lake down there, to the right of the green meadow?
- Guide : I'm glad you asked. That's John Lake. It's actually a man made pond that was built as part of a conservation effort over twenty years ago. During the 70's, there was a lot of clearcutting of forests in the area, and much of the wildlife was lost. Since John Lake was built, ducks, swans, and geese have returned to the area.
- Man : Is this the highest mountain in this region?
- Guide : No, actually, Mount Heather, which you we will be able to see in just a minute or so has the highest peak. But, this is the highest mountain for recreational purposes like skiing and guided tours.
- Woman : Can you ski throughout the year?
- Guide : No, it warms up enough to actually suntan up there in the summer. Oh, look everyone. There are two deer feeding in the clearing right below us.
- Man : Thanks, that should be a great photo. So... what is there to do besides ski at the top of the hill at this time of year?
- Guide : Oh, there's plenty to do. We have horseback riding, snowmobile tours, and a petting zoo for children. If you look to your left, you'll see the snowmobile trail going through the mountain.

(Taken from: www.englishclub.com)

Giving Directions	Instructions	Landmarks	Prepositions of Direction
"It's about five minutes from here."	"Turn left/ right."	taxi rank = a place where taxis queue for passengers	Go past = continue past something so that is now behind you
"It's about a ten-minute walk."	Go straight on at the lights/ when you come to the crossroads." (Lights = traffic lights; crossroads = where two roads cross)	level crossing = where the road and railway meet. There are barriers that go up and down to signal when a train is coming	Go across = cross something, like a road or crossroads
"It's easier if I can show you on the map."	"Go across the roundabout." (Roundabout = where all the cars go round a circle in the middle of the road)	underpass = a walkway that goes under a busy road so pedestrians can get to the other side safely	Go along = continue down a road
	"Take the first turning/ road/ street on your left/ right." (Turning = road that goes left or right)	overpass/ flyover = a road that goes over another road (or railway)	Go straight on = don't turn left or right
	"You'll see/ You'll come to a (bank). Then ..."	zebra crossing = black and white markings in the road for pedestrians to cross the road (the markings look like a zebra's stripes)	Go up = walk/ drive up a hill
	"Don't take the first road."	pedestrian crossing = a place in the road where pedestrians can cross. Often there are traffic lights.	Go down = walk or drive down a hill or a road

	"Go on for about (2 minutes/ 100 meters)."	tunnel = a road under (or through) mountains	Go through = pass through something, such as a tunnel or a town
		crossroads = where two roads cross each other	Go out of = exit (i.e. a railway station)
		junction = where one road meets another, and you can either go left or right	It's in front of you = you can see it facing you
		fork in the road = where the road divides, and you decide to go left or right	It's opposite the bank = it faces the bank
		turning = a road off to your left or right	It's on the corner = it's where two roads meet at a 90° angle
		main road = a big road where there is lots of traffic	
		lane = a small road, or a part of a road (the left-hand lane/ the right-hand lane; the bus lane)	

(Taken from: www.english-at-home.com)

Practice 3. Identify the dialogue above and complete the table below!

No.	Instructions	Landmarks	Preposition of Direction
1.	Keep your eyes open for wildlife as we ascend.	Two towers.	Ride up to the top of the mountain.
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			

Practice 4. Study the map of London Museums below, and please discuss (in turn) with a friend in pairs using the expressions you have learned. You may follow the model of the dialogue below!



(taken from: maps-london.com)

- A : Can you show me the way from Imperial War Museum to Lambeth Palace?
- B : Sure. From St. George street, go on until you meet a junction, then turn left to Lambeth Rd. Street. Then you will meet a junction, but go along, and Lambeth Palace is on your right side.

Practice 5. Discuss (in turn) what you have discussed in Practice 4 with another pairs or dyads. You can follow the model of dialogue as below!

- C : Can you show me the way from Imperial War Museum to Lambeth Palace?
- B : Sure. From St. George street, go on until you meet a junction, then turn left to Lambeth Rd. Street. Then you will meet a junction, but go along, and Lambeth Palace is on your right side.
- C : Can you show me the way from Imperial War Museum to Guy's Hospital?
- B : Sure. The way from Imperial War Museum to Guy's Hospital is ...

Practice 6. Voluntarily explain the map of London Museums to the whole class as shown in the example below!

Good morning. Today, we are going to explore London Museums. Now, our position is in Imperial War Museum. From Imperial Museum, our next visit is to Lambeth Palace. To go there, from St. George street, go on until you meet a junction, then turn left to Lambeth Rd. Street. Then you will meet a junction, but go along, and Lambeth Palace is on your right side.

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