

Speaking L1SLO8

Giving directions

Learning Objective 8: Give simple directions supported by gestures.

Left, right, or straight on?

When you give directions, you tell someone how to get to a place.

Speak slowly and clearly when you give directions. This helps the other person to understand you. You can use your arms and hands to help you give directions. For example, by moving your arms to the right or left.

FOCUS ▶ 1.7

A Listen to the directions and choose the correct answer to the questions.

1. How do you get to office C10?

- a. You turn right, then go straight on, then turn left.
- b. You turn left, then go straight on, then turn right.

2. How do you get to the engineering building on the campus?

- a. You go straight on, then turn left, and it's on your left.
- b. You turn left, then go straight on, and it's on your right.

3. How do you get to the new ice cream café?

- a. You go into the mall, walk past a clothes shop, and then turn right.
- b. You go into the mall, walk past a book shop, and then turn left.

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B Listen to and complete the directions with one of the words in the box. Some words are used more than once.

into on past turn

- 1. First, ____ left.
- 2. Go straight ____ .
- 3. Go ____ a sweet shop.
- 4. It's ____ your right.
- 5. Then ____ right.
- 6. Go ____ the building.

SPEAKING TASK

FOCUS A Choose a place at your university or in your city. Think about how to get there from the place you are now. Write directions.

You _____

Then you are there!

FOCUS B Work in pairs. Practice saying your directions from Exercise A to your partner. Then practice using your arms and hands to show your partner where to go.

FOCUS C In groups or in class, take turns asking for directions to a place and giving directions. Remember to use your arms and hands to show other students where to go.