



How to Ask for Directions in English: Useful Phrases for the Street and the City

100 words

ENGLISH	TRANSCRIPTION
street	[stri:t]
road	[rəʊd]
avenue	['ævənju:]
corner	['kɔ:nə]
intersection	[,ɪntə'sekʃən]
crossroads	['krɒsrəʊdz]
traffic lights	['træfɪk laɪts]
roundabout	['raʊndəbaʊt]
bridge	[brɪdʒ]
tunnel	['tʌnl]
square	[skweə]
park	[pɑ:k]
church	[tʃɜ:tʃ]
museum	[mju:'zi:əm]
station	['steɪʃən]
bus stop	[bʌs stɒp]
subway	['sʌbweɪ]
map	[mæp]
landmark	['lændmɑ:k]
sign	[saɪn]
direction	[də'rekʃən]
left	[left]
right	[raɪt]
straight	[streɪt]

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north	[nɔ:θ]
south	[saʊθ]
east	[i:st]
west	[west]
next to	[nekst tu:]
between	[bi'twi:n]
opposite	['ɒpəzɪt]
behind	[bi'haɪnd]
in front of	[ɪn frʌnt ɒv]
near	[nɪə]
far	[fɑ:]
block	[blɒk]
crosswalk	['krɒswɔ:k]
sidewalk	['saɪdwɔ:k]
address	['ædres]
destination	[,destɪ'neɪʃən]
turn	[tɜ:n]
fork	[fɔ:k]
alley	['æli]
highway	['haɪweɪ]
lane	[leɪn]
boulevard	['bu:ləvɑ:d]
one-way	[wʌn weɪ]
dead end	[ded end]
entrance	['entrəns]
exit	['eksɪt]
stairs	[steəz]

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pavement	[ˈpeɪvmənt]
zebra crossing	[ˈzebrə ˈkrɒsɪŋ]
underground	[ˈʌndəgraʊnd]
overpass	[ˈəʊvəpɑːs]
underpass	[ˈʌndəpɑːs]
junction	[ˈdʒʌŋkʃən]
T-junction	[tiː ˈdʒʌŋkʃən]
shortcut	[ˈʃɔːtkʌt]
detour	[ˈdiːtʊə]
route	[ruːt]
path	[pɑːθ]
footpath	[ˈfʊtpɑːθ]
promenade	[ˌprɒmɪˈnɑːd]
distance	[ˈdɪstəns]
walking distance	[ˈwɔːkɪŋ ˈdɪstəns]
neighborhood	[ˈneɪbəhʊd]
district	[ˈdɪstrɪkt]
city center	[ˈsɪti ˈsentə]
outskirts	[ˈaʊtskɜːts]
courtyard	[ˈkɔːtjɑːd]
cathedral	[kəˈθiːdrəl]
monument	[ˈmɒnjumənt]
town hall	[taʊn hɔːl]
post office	[pəʊst ˈɒfɪs]
pharmacy	[ˈfɑːməsi]
street sign	[striːt saɪn]
house number	[haʊs ˈnʌmbə]

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post code	[pəʊst kəʊd]
navigate	['nævɪgeɪt]
lost	[lɒst]
roadworks	['rəʊdwɜːks]
pedestrian zone	[pɪ'destriən zəʊn]
compass	['kʌmpəs]
traffic jam	['træfɪk dʒæm]
platform	['plætfɔːm]
gate	[geɪt]
ferry	['feri]
tram	[træm]
bus lane	[bʌs leɪn]
pedestrian crossing	[pɪ'destriən 'krɒsɪŋ]
embankment	[ɪm'bæŋkmənt]
footbridge	['fʊtbrɪdʒ]
plaza	['plɑːzə]
bear left	[beə left]
bear right	[beə raɪt]
go past	[gəʊ pɑːst]
head towards	[hed tə'wɔːdz]
cut through	[kʌt θruː]
crossing	['krɒsɪŋ]

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Excuse me, how do I get to the station?

Could you tell me the way to the museum?

Is it far from here?

How long does it take to walk there?

Can I walk there?

Should I turn left or right?

Go straight ahead.

Turn left at the traffic lights.

It's on your right.

It's just around the corner.

It's opposite the park.

Go past the church.

Cross the street.

It's between the bank and the café.

Take the second street on the left.

Is there a bus I can take?

Which way is the city center?

I'm looking for this address.

Could you show me on the map?

Thank you for your help!

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